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AAP sweeps Delhi

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Congress	0
Others	0

New Delhi, Feb. 11 (UNI & Agencies)- Arvind Kejriwal's Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) surged ahead of BJP towards a thumping victory in Delhi — a hat-trick — as counting of votes progressed this morning, but remained short of the 67 it won in 2015.

An aggregate of five exit polls had given AAP 56 seats. The BJP, after a slow start, made steady gains but remained a distant second. And it is a duck for Congress for the second consecutive time. Interestingly, Congress had ruled Delhi for three consecutive terms from 1998 to 2013 under late Sheila Dixit.

Arvind Kejriwal

As AAP started building a stage for its victory speech, State BJP Chief Manoj Tiwari, who predicted 55-odd seats for his Party, reminded supporters that many rounds of counting are still to come.

The 1968-born Arvind Kejriwal took over as Delhi Chief Minister on Dec. 28, 2013 and on Feb. 14, 2014, President's rule was imposed. He was CM for only 48 days. He again became the CM on Feb. 14, 2015 and ruled Delhi for five years till Feb. 13 this year and elections were announced. Now Kejriwal is all set to become the CM for third term.

Among the heavyweights leading in various Constituencies are AAP's Rakhi Birla, Ragav Chaddha, Satyender Jain and Kapil Misra who changed camp from AAP to BJP.

(See AAP on page 9)

BJP retains MCC Ward 18

R. Ravindrakumar of Congress, who had filed a case challenging the victory of his rival Guru Vinayaka of BJP on the question of fake caste certificate and **WON** in the Court of Law, has now **LOST** in the People's Court to B.V. Ravindra of BJP.

Ravindrakumar

Guru Vinayaka

Mysuru, Feb.11 (MTY&DM)- The BJP has retained MCC Ward 18 (Yadavagiri) in the by-poll held to the Ward on Feb.9. The Ward is reserved for Scheduled Tribe (ST) Category. The saffron party won by a margin of 103 votes.

BJP candidate B.V. Ravindra was declared the winner while Congress candidate R. Ravindrakumar came a close second. JD(S) candidate Swamy fared poorly coming a distant third. The counting of votes was taken up at Government Maharaja Sanskrit School on Sayyaji Rao Road at 8 am today and the result was declared after an hour. The Ward had recorded a poor turnout of just over 44 percent.

BJP's B.V. Ravindra defeated R. Ravindra Kumar of the Congress by a slender margin of 103 votes. Ravindra secured 2,555 votes, while Ravindra Kumar got 2,452 votes and Swamy of the JD(S) just 182 votes. There were 76 NOTA (None Of The Above) votes as well. A total of 5,265 out of the eligible 11,877 voters in the Ward had exercised their franchise.

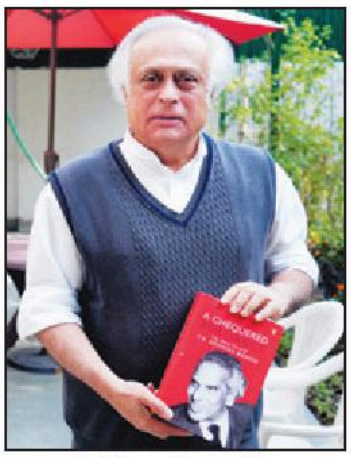
(See MCC on page 9)

Jairam Ramesh in city for book launch on Feb.21

Mysuru, Feb.11- Mysore Literary Association has organised a programme to launch the book *'A Chequered Brilliance: The Many Lives of V.K. Krishna Menon'* authored by Jairam Ramesh, at Rotary West auditorium in Saraswathipuram in city on Friday, 21st February, at 11 am, according to Reginald Wesley, Hon. Secretary of Mysore Literary Association.

Retired diplomat Ravi Joshi will be in conversation with the author after the book launch.

About the book: It is a compelling biography of one of India's most controversial and consequential public figures. V.K. Krishna Menon continues to command our attention not just because he was Jawaharlal Nehru's confidant and soulmate but also for many of his own political and literary accomplishments. A relentless crusader for Indian independence in the UK in the 1930s and 1940s, he was a global star at the United Nations in the 1950s before he was forced to resign as Defence Minister in the wake of the India-China war of 1962.



Jairam Ramesh

Meticulously researched and based entirely on new archival material, this book reveals Krishna Menon in all his capabilities and contradictions. It is also a rich history of the tumultuous times in which he lived and which he did so much to shape.

About the author: Jairam Ramesh is currently a Congress MP representing Karnataka in the Rajya Sabha. He was previously the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) at the Ministry of Environment and Forests from May 2009 to July 2011.

MLA Ramdas undergoes coronary angioplasty

Mysuru, Feb. 11 (BCT)- Krishnaraja MLA S.A. Ramdas was admitted to a private hospital in city after he complained of chest pain in the wee hours of today. He had suffered a minor heart attack.

Ramdas

The 58-year-old former Minister was rushed to Apollo BGS Hospitals at 3.15 am with complains of chest discomfort from 2.30 am. A medical bulletin from the hospital said, "Initial evaluation at Emergency Department revealed acute changes in his ECG. Upon evaluating this, cardiologists and cath-lab team was able to successfully perform coronary angiogram and coronary angioplasty with medicated stent implantation."

The procedure was done at 4.15 am today. Ramdas is stable now and has been shifted to Critical Care Unit (CCU). He is under observation and is recovering, said the bulletin.

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Country's cancer *with*(out) cure

Many agencies keeping a watch on the health status of people in countries across the world, particularly World Health Organisation (WHO), regularly publish the trends of rise in their disease burden of the populations in some countries, including India, and its mitigating feature in some other countries. While small-pox seems to have been fully eradicated globally and polio is being targeted to join small-pox, viruses have emerged as a menace bugging people of many regions one after the other. No sooner than one virus gets stopped in its track, a new virus makes its appearance, the latest being coronavirus originating in China's Wuhan province. It has reportedly claimed about 800 deaths in that country, apart from fatalities in other regions. Mercifully, India's position in the scenario created by the bug has not yet reached alarming point enough to cause panic. News of developing a remedy in a laboratory of the West to contain the spread of the virus is heartening, but its production and outreach have to done on a war-footing, even as none in India can afford to be negligent in keeping a vigil on symptoms of the consequent illness.

The fact that about 5,000 virus species are described since the time of discovering tobacco mosaic virus by Martinus Beijerinck (1851-1931), Dutch Microbiologist and Botanist, in 1898 can be mind-boggling. Viruses can infect all types of life forms including animals and plants, being non-bacterial, replicating only inside living cells. More shockingly, viruses spread in many ways including contact, air and water, apart from vectors such as insects.

While both information and knowledge about the causes and remedies of the multitude of illnesses that debilitate human beings and animals including pets as well as livestock that live in close proximity in homes are not within the grasp of most people, including the literati, even the simple-to-follow practices seem to have got ignored by the entire cross-section of India's masses. The task of keeping in check the onset of many common diseases such as malaria, tuberculosis, cancer, cardiac problems and so on is conveniently passed on to the Government, forgetting that administration in the country has steadily slipped into incompetent players, who are preoccupied with pursuing their personal interests.

In the backdrop of the foregoing preamble, one deadly disease that has got the entire country happens to be *cancer of conduct unedifying* on the part of large sections in the population, emulating the loquacious politicos. Medical science may be looking for remedies for diseases bugging the bodies but who are bothered about diseases of the mind, euphemism for *societal cancer*, which can and must be cured.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Whatever's happened to good old snuffing — that age-old addiction that saw our elders plug their nostrils with 'gunpowder' (as some jovially termed it) and then sneeze explosively? In company, one of them would produce (with poorly concealed pride) a snazzy little snuff-box, tap it lightly with a forefinger to loosen the hardened stimulant and showily extract a generous pinch to prime his twitching nostrils with obvious relish, inhaling deeply. Often the snuff-box would be companionably passed around to friends in a gesture of comradeship, leaving them in a state of near euphoria after the ritualistic application — never mind if one or the other exploded into a spasm of uncontrolled sneezing scaring the wits out of the uninitiated. It was all part of the pleasures of snuffing. —*George N. Netto in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

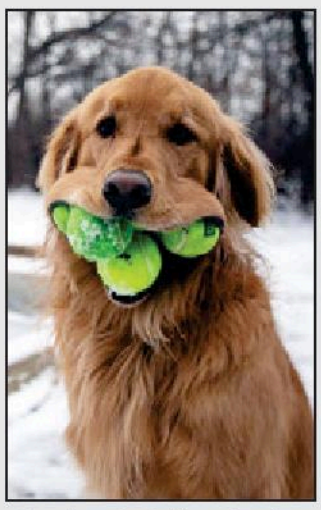
Police charges man and his pup for shoplifting

Florida: A Florida man and his furry 'accomplice' were taken into custody by authorities on charges of shoplifting from a store.

The man, identified as Wilson admitted of stealing $259 worth of items from Bass Pro Shops and was arrested during a traffic stop after he was seen leaving the store. Deputies also took Wilson's four-legged friend into custody. A sheriff's office Facebook post showing an officer holding a small puppy said deputies took care of the 'cutest accomplice' before handing him over to Hillsborough County Animal Services.

Animal services will care for the dog until his owner is released from jail. Animal services has listed the puppy as 'pre-adopted.' Deputies said that if the owner doesn't claim the dog, it will go up for adoption.

Dog breaks world record for most tennis balls in mouth



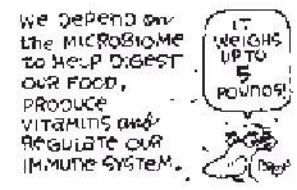
London: A Golden Retriever named Finley, who broke the world record for stuffing tennis balls in his gob has cruelly seen his tremendous efforts written off as 'not an official achievement'.

Despite evidence of his world-record skill on social media, the strict paperwork rules put in place by the people at the Guinness World Records means he hasn't yet met the requirements to have it formally recognised.

Finley is six years old and can hold six tennis balls in his doggo mouth, more than any dog has ever done. The 'official' world record is held by a fellow Golden Retriever named Augie, who managed five back in 2003.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How much of the immune system is based in the gut?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City Nutritionist wins Most Innovative Counsellor Award

Mysuru, Feb.11 - City's Nutrition Counsellor Dr. Sushma Appaiah was conferred the 'Most Innovative Nutrition Counsellor of the Year Award' under the category of India's most prominent fitness awards 2019-20 by Merit Awards & Market Research.

The awards ceremony was held on Feb.1 at *Hotel Holiday Inn*, Mayur Vihar, New Delhi. Bollywood actor Vidyut Jammwal was the chief guest.

The award is in recognition of Dr. Sushma's diet and nutrition counselling as most innovative solutions. She believes in providing the diet plans based on food habits and nutrients specific to patients' health and nutritional status, from daily foods.

Founder of Golz-Nutrition and Diet Solutions, Dr. Sushma, a DST women scientist awardee, is practicing as Nutrition Counsellor in Mysuru since four years and presently counselling at two centres — Roopanagar and at Kshema Healthcare, Bogadi.

Dr. Sushma got her Doctorate degree in Functional Food Formulations from CSIR - CFTRI and Post-Graduate degree in Food Science and Nutrition with second rank from University of Mysore. In 2018, she got special recognition for food formulation for special children at the International Knowledge Millennium Conference, conducted by Innovation Knowledge Park (IKP), Hyderabad.

She is specially recognised for nutrition solutions for children with special needs — Autistic, ADH, Epilepsy, MR and CP. She regularly conducts programmes on nutrition awareness for corporate, school children and special needs empowerment.

Currently, she is Convener of Indian Dietetic Association (IDA), Mysore Chapter, according to a press release from IDA.

Really...?

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- ***You're more likely to remember your dreams on weekends or days when you sleep in, because each episode of REM sleep is longer than the last.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Wife to husband: ***Did you have any girl friend before marriage?***
Husband: ***...remains silent.***
Wife: ***What is the meaning for this silence?***
Husband: ***Don't disturb while counting!!***

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1 Euro	= Rs. 77.69

VOICE OF THE READER

More on Donald Trump and Narendra Modi

Sir,

In the *Abracadabra* titled ***"With Love from Donald Trump to India and Narendra Modi"*** *(SOM* dated Feb.8), KBG has very deftly compared Donald Trump's leadership for America with that of his contemporary Narendra Modi's leadership for India. Even while the personalities of these two leaders are certainly not comparable, the challenges they face have similar roots.

Trump, a political novice but with a business background, arrived on the American scene after Barack Obama, who despite his clean image, left a floundering economy. In the case of Narendra Modi, his predecessor, a world renowned Economist and 'Honest' Dr. Manmohan Singh, left the economy in tatters and national morale at the lowest.

Narendra Modi's life is tempered by the political philosophy of patriotism and personal sacrifice. Trained under the RSS as a political wanderer, Narendra Modi has full personal experience and knowledge of the country's socio-political nuances. His two-plus term successful Chief Ministership of Gujarat has given him hands-on experience of dealing with the exigencies of political administration. His emergence as a towering leader within the Party amidst the very senior Party leaders has been possible mainly because of the credibility he has established among the citizens by his honesty and sheer hard work.

National interest rather than political expediency has empowered him to implement very challenging policies like Demonetisation and Triple Talaq during his first term in the office. The very fact that citizens re-elected his Party with a majority of its own in the Lok Sabha, despite travails of Demonetisation, is a testimony to his stature in the Indian politics. His commitment to national cause is amply exemplified by his decision to abolish Article 370 and amend Citizenship Act within couple of months to his second term. **If only our earlier leaders had shown similar national mindedness, our country would not have gone through difficulties it has.**

At a time when the socio-political fault-lines are trying to occupy the centre-stage, it is country's good fortune that we have a Union Government with full-fledged majority of its own and more importantly we have a leader in Narendra Modi for whom national interests are paramount.

—R. Chandra Prakash
Mysuru
9.2.2020

Incident which coincide

Sir,

I believe that America's 45th President Donald Trump may be taking a page from America's 42nd President Bill Clinton's playbook by raising tensions with Iran and Iraq amid his impeachment inquiry.

Bill Clinton *Donald Trump*

According to *The New York Times,* Clinton made a similar move more than two decades ago — launching air strikes in Iraq as his impeachment inquiry was heating up. But this time Soleimani was killed, after the house already voted to impeach Trump. After realising this fact I would recommend the "Representatives", not to impeach a sitting President of USA, or else a country will be chosen and attacked.

— A. Jeevan Kumar
Mysuru
9.2.2020

Entrepreneurial event Startup Charcha-2020 tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb.11- SDM Institute for Management Development (SDM-IMD), Mysuru, is organising an entrepreneurship event ***Startup Charcha*** on Feb.12 at 2.45 pm in SDM-IMD Auditorium, Chamundi Hill Road, Siddarthanagar.

The event is organised as part of entrepreneurship activities undertaken by Swayam — Students Entrepreneurship Cell of SDM-IMD. It also brings together the best entrepreneurial minds to give insights on Startups to management students and budding entrepreneurs.

The 2020 edition of Startup-Charcha has medical technologies entrepreneur Vishwaprasad Alva, Founder and MD, Skanray Technologies, delivering the keynote address.

It will also have an Insight talk and a Panel Discussion. The Distinguished Panellists include Vijaysimha, Founder and CEO at Suvashna Training and Development Private Limited and SDM-IMD Alumnus; Vijay Krishnamurthy, Sports Management Consultant and Dr. Venkatraja, Faculty Member, SDM-IMD. The theme of the Panel Discussion is Entrepreneurship: Relevance, Dynamics and Challenges. The discussion will be moderated by Dr. M.R. Suresh, Faculty Member-Marketing Area, SDM-IMD.

For details contact Mob: 9448143405 or 9886024265, according to a press release from Dr. M.V. Sunil, Media Officer, SDM-IMD, Mysuru.

City Startup to host innovation in food-tech through SRIFT2020

Mysuru, Feb. 11- City-based Silicon Road, a Startup accelerator, is organising **'Silicon Road Innovation in FoodTech'** (SRIFT2020) Conference in partnership with Council of Scientific and Industrial Research -Central Food Technological Research Institute (CSIR-CFTRI), at *Hotel Radisson Blu* in Mysuru on Feb. 15. The conference aims to bridge the gap between innovation, industry and investor.

The theme of the conference is 'Innovation' and speakers from corporates and researchers from CFTRI, Indian Institute of Packaging and AFSTI will share their perspectives on food-technology ecosystem, innovation and shaping the future of food.

The event will also feature Startup pitches, product launches, startup booths and posters from researchers and food enthusiasts along with a global perspective on food technology.

It will be a confluence of corporate leaders, innovative start-ups, scientists, investors and Government officials, committed to solving the issues in food industry — food safety, health and nutrition and sustainable packaging, said Sanjay Srinivasmurthy, Co-founder and Director of Silicon Road Ideation Labs.

Food-tech enthusiasts, academicians, food scientists and engineers, research students, and corporate professionals will be a part of this conference. Interested can register on: www.siliconroad.vc/conference or call 9739-865205 or 9900-503032.

Good Shepherd Alumni Meet

Mysuru, Feb. 11- Good Shepherd Convent School and Good Shepherd Convent Composite PU College in city have jointly invited its alumni of batches 2000-2015 for an Alumni Meet organised at the School premises on Feb. 29 from 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm. Those interested in participating may call Mob: 82175-13624, according to a press release from College Principal.

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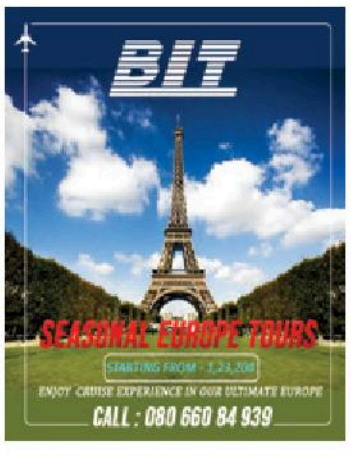

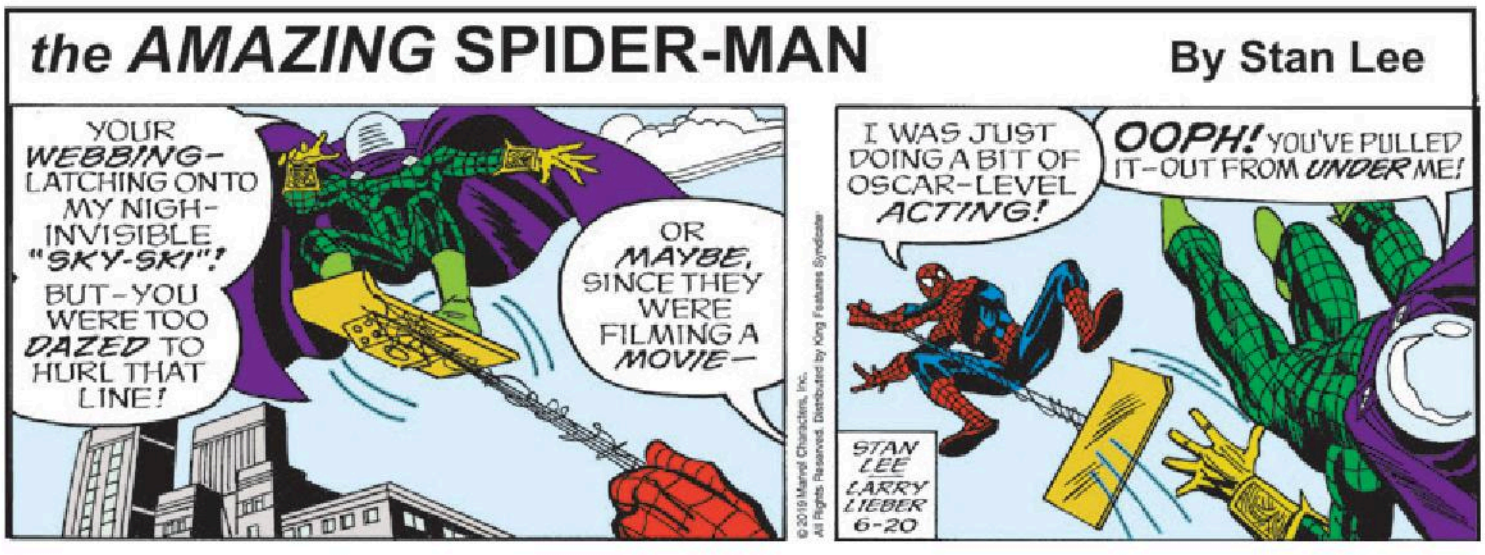
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YOUR WEBBING-LATCHING ONTO MY NIGH-INVISIBLE "SKY-SKI"!
BUT-YOU WERE TOO DAZED TO HURL THAT LINE!
OR MAYBE, SINCE THEY WERE FILMING A MOVIE—
I WAS JUST DOING A BIT OF OSCAR-LEVEL ACTING!
OOPH! YOU'VE PULLED IT-OUT FROM UNDER ME!
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NEWS BRIEFS

No power supply

Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted on Feb. 12 between 10 am and 5 pm in Dattagalli 3rd Stage, Triveni Super Market area, Kadamba Bakery area, Dattagalli 'I' Block, MUDA Employees Layout, Kanakadasanagar, R.T. Nagar, Lingambudhipalya, University Layout, Vasu Layout, Mooganahundi, Nagarthahalli, Devagalli, Ballalli, Hanagalli, Thibbayanahundi, Beerihundi and surrounding areas, according to a press release from CESC.

Bhavageethe contest

Hoysala Kannada Sangha, Savigannada Patrika Balaga and Prof. S.K. Anandateertha Foundation, is jointly conducting 'Bhavayaana,' a Bhavageethe contest in memory of Prof. S.K. Anandateertha, at Sri Rama Mandira in Krishnamurthypuram at 4 pm on Feb.13. The contest will be held in three categories-Junior Section (10 to 18 years), Senior Section (19 to 40 years) and over 40 years. Cash prize of Rs. 1,000, Rs. 500 and Rs. 300 will be awarded in each category. Interested can register on the spot between 3 pm and 4 pm. For details, call Mob: 98457-91252.

Workshop for farmers

The District Agriculture Training Centre will be conducting a one-day workshop on managing Fall Armyworm (Spodoptera frugiperda) which has become serious pest for maize crop at its premises in Naganahalli on Feb.13. Interested farmers may register their names with the Centre's Agriculture Officer by calling Mob: 82779-33180, according to a press release from the Centre's Deputy Director of Agriculture.

Interaction with Guruji

Guru Saanidhya, an interactive session with Sri Ravishankar Guruji of Art of Living Foundation will be held on Feb. 28 from 6.30 pm to 8 pm at Art of Living Mysore Ashram, Lalithadripura Road. For details contact Mob: 86186-45140 or 97422-60952.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	115.92 ft
Yesterday	115.95 ft
Inflow	597 cusecs
Outflow	836 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,278.33 ft
Inflow	261 cusecs
Outflow	250 cusecs

Special bus to ferry children through forest

- Primary Education Minister Suresh Kumar assures Pachchedoddi villagers during his School stay
- Children walk miles to School amidst thick jungle and fear of wild animals

Primary and Secondary Education Minister S. Suresh Kumar interacting with villagers during his village School stay at Pachchedoddi Government Primary School last night. Picture right shows the School being readied for the Minister's arrival.

Mysuru, Feb. 11 (Soma&BCT)- Continuing his series of overnight village School stays, Primary and Secondary Education Minister S. Suresh Kumar stayed at Pachchedoddi Government Primary School last night. The school is located at Chamarajanagar district and is on the fringes of forest. The village comes under Male Mahadeshwara Wildlife Sanctuary.

Suresh Kumar arrived at Pachchedoddi village at 7 pm and interacted with students and parents. Pachchedoddi village is over 15 kilometres from Hanur town in Chamarajanagar and the only link road to this village is not asphalted. It is a village on the fringes of forest and there are over 60 houses. Over 200 people live in the village.

While Pachchedoddi village has no basic facilities and children have to walk miles to reach their School. The village only has a Primary School and students have to depend on Ajjipura, Kanchalli and Ramapura for HighSchool education. Those villagers who have two-wheelers drop their children to Schools but most of the children walk amidst thick jungles constantly amidst fear of wild animals, especially elephant herds that roam on the fringes.

Vehicle to transport children

This issue was brought to the notice of the Minister who assured that a vehicle will be provided for School children to reach the School from their village. The Minister was told that over 18 children, studying in High School, were forced to walk through the forest daily to reach Ajjipura, Kanchalli and Ramapura. Moved by their plight, Suresh Kumar said that he will get the vehicle sanctioned soon.

This was the Minister's third village School stay and earlier he had stayed at Government Primary School in Achammanahalli village, Pavagada taluk in Tumakuru district and at Government Higher Primary School in Gopinatham, Chamarajanagar district.

The interaction between parents, students and villagers was held for the Minister to understand the education scenario in border districts at a time when the influence of other State languages is high on Kannada language students who study in border Schools. Chamarajanagar shares border with Tamil Nadu and Kerala where Tamil and Malayalam are the respective State languages.

School spick and span

Owing to the Minister's stay, the School was painted and swept and for a change, toilets were cleaned. The official machinery had camped in the village to ensure that the Minister did not face any inconvenience.

Wild animal attacks are frequent phenomena in the village and villagers are not cultivating crops for the fear of destruction by elephants. Most of the villagers depend on domesticated animals including bovines, poultry and goat-sheep rearing. Some earn a living through manual labour. But as the forest area has been declared protected wildlife sanctuary, villagers are not allowed to graze animals inside the forest. Cases are booked against villagers by Forest Department for entering the forests.

Mobile Fair Price Shop

The Minister directed Chamarajanagar Deputy Commissioner Dr. M.R. Ravi to prepare a report on the problems faced by the villagers living in 11 villages in the border district. Villagers complained that they have to struggle to get their share of free rice under *Anna Bhagya* Scheme as they have to visit Basavanadoddi, around 6 km away.

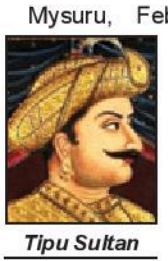
A road was approved earlier but the Forest Department did not permit road works, the villagers complained. Male Mahadeshwara Hills Deputy Conservator of Forest V. Yedukondalu clarified that there was no provision for asphalting roads as the village is under the Wildlife Sanctuary and is an eco-sensitive zone. Reacting to this, DC Dr. Ravi said that a Mobile Fair Price Shop will be sent to the villages for 2 days a month.

Insects inside mid-day meal

Commenting on his overnight stay, Suresh Kumar said that the stay in Schools helped him interact with children and their parents in a relaxed atmosphere and helped him know the ground realities. Some students complained that they find cooked insects and worms in their mid-day meals. Suresh Kumar asked the School authorities to check, clean and wash the rice, vegetables and grains thoroughly before cooking to ensure that clean food is served to children.

Suresh Kumar and officials were then served a grand feast comprising pulioyogare, lemon rice, rice, sambar, rasam, palya and native pickles. The Minister slept inside the Primary School.

'Tipu not to be dropped from text books this year'



Tipu Sultan

Mysuru, Feb.11 (PM&DM)- Asserting that lessons on Tipu Sultan will not be withdrawn from School Textbooks, Primary and Higher Secondary Education Minister S. Suresh Kumar said that the Text Books Review Committee is of the opinion that a much wider debate is needed on the issue.

Speaking to press persons at Manasagangotri here on Monday, Suresh Kumar maintained that the present content on Tipu Sultan in School text books will continue in the forthcoming academic year too. Referring to the delay in the distribution of School text books and uniforms, he said that the issue has been sorted out and there would no delay in the future. Pointing out that renowned English Novelist R.K. Narayan had argued for lessening the weight of children school bags when he was a Rajya Sabha member, the Minister said that the Government has decided to introduce two-days a month as bag-less days.

Stating that CCTV cameras will be installed at all SSLC Exam centres, Suresh Kumar clarified that his School-stay programme was not limited to Chamarajanagar and he would do it in other districts as well.

The Minister has also asked School teachers, staff and students not to use cell phones during class hours and said that strict action will be taken if they are seen using phones for accessing social media or any other reasons.

Round-the-clock vigil over Chamundi Hill for summer fire

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Mysuru, Feb. 11- With summer fast approaching and the lush green vegetation turning dry posing potential risk of summer fire at Chamundi Hill, the Mysuru Division Forest Department personnel have created an 80 km-long fire line atop the Hill as a precautionary measure. They are also keeping a round-the-clock vigil to prevent any fire incidents.

Chamundi Hill, which houses Goddess Chamundeshwari Temple, is also a home to hundreds of birds and animals of various species and variety of plants and trees. The Hill is thronged by thousands of devotees as well as nature lovers from across the country and also abroad. As such, it is a challenge for the Forest Department to protect the Hill. Keeping in mind the safety of people and also to protect the flora and fauna of the Hill, the Department is keeping a hawk-eye vigil over the Hill to prevent fires. Carelessly thrown lit cigarette butts and miscreants deliberately lighting fire in the forest region have become a headache to the forest staff.

Tedious job

Chamundi Hill, which is 3,489 ft. above sea level, is spread across more than 1,800 acres. Every year, it a tedious job for the forest staff to protect the Hill from fire from November to April-May. Miscreants use open spaces in the Hill to gamble, consume liquor and throw lit cigarettes and the Department has deployed 20 personnel to prevent miscreant-mischief and men have been deployed to keep a watch atop three watch towers. Watch towers are located at Kunthikal Gudda at the foot of Chamundi Hill (Race Course side), Jwalamukhi Gudda (Uttanahalli Road) and at Koodanare Gudda (Nanjangud Road) and one forest employee each is deployed on the three watch towers.

80 km fire-line created

To prevent fire from spreading, the Forest Department has created a 35 km-long fire line around Chamundi Hill besides creating about 80 km fire-line in various places in the Hill. The fire line is three metres wide so that the fire cannot spread further into the jungle. Plants and bushes on fire line route have been removed to control fire.

Fire jet and motor sprayers

To combat fire incidents at the Hill, a water jet with 500 litres water tank with 20 forest staff is ready. A two-HP water pump is being used and water could be sprayed to about 35 to 40 ft height. Along with the water jet, seven motor water sprayers, attached to 25-litre water can each, are being used.

Awareness through street plays

Protection of forest region at Chamundi Hill is not only the responsibility of the Forest Department but is also the responsibility of everyone and the role of the residents of villages bordering Chamundi Hill is very important and also the co-operation of tourists and devotees coming to the Hill is required.

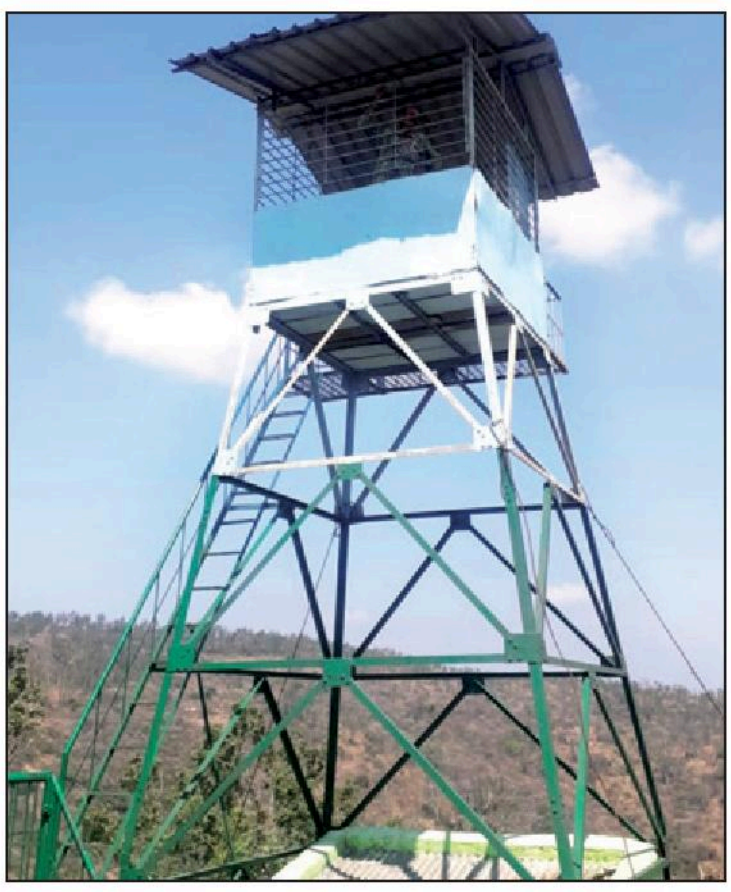
In this backdrop, the Forest Department has been creating awareness through street plays at villages and residential areas in the Hill border — namely Tavarekatte, Lalithadripura, Hosahundi, Gowrishankaranagar, Gavimata, Chamundi village and other places.

Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Dr. K.C. Prashanth Kumar and Range Forest Officer (RFO) Prashanth Kumar, Deputy Range Forest Officer (DRFO) Vinutha and others are working hard for the protection and conservation of the Hill and about five rounds of beat is being undertaken daily to keep vigil.

Precautions taken, public co-operation needed

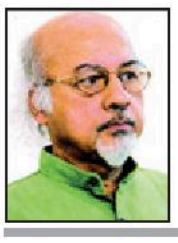
"Several precautions have been taken to protect Chamundi Hill from forest fire. Tourists and public should not throw cigarettes without stubbing them. Chamundi Hill is Mysuru's crown and protecting it is the responsibility of all. Public should join hands with the Forest Department and help us in protecting the Hill from inferno."

— Dr. K.C. Prashanth Kumar, Deputy Conservator of Forests



Watch tower at Jwalamukhi Gudda (Uttanahalli Road) where a Forest employee is deployed to keep vigil on forest fires.

The bad BJP faces the good BJP



Point of VIEW

T.J.S. George

Power makes small people smaller. When the wheel of history turned and BJP became the ruling party, many of its adherents saw India exclusively as *Bharat,* their inheritance to play with. The tactically wise among them spoke in moderate terms even as they pushed their agenda forward. Prime Minister Modi, for example, was a picture of moderation as he presented the most communal initiative of recent times — the Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra for raising a Ram temple where Babri Masjid once stood.

In fact this initiative had less to do with Ram than with the Delhi voting three days ahead. The BJP's failure to get the support of Delhi citizens has been a humiliation for the party, especially for strategists like Amit Shah. That citizens of the Capital of India should vote the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) into power is a mortification the Modi-Shah Party cannot accept. Surveys point to the AAP as the favourite again this time, for their record has been good while the BJP's campaign has been divisive. But don't underestimate Amit Shah, a master of surprises.

Lesser men, too, are capable of surprises. There is a haughtiness and challenge-me-if-you-can attitude among the more abrasive among them. Some of them are so inconsequential that they make their presence felt by expressing extremist ideas. Anant Kumar Hegde of coastal Karnataka is typical of this class. A man with nothing to show by way of service to the country, he draws attention by expressing weird views. In his latest attempt to cover ignorance with impudence, he said Mahatma Gandhi was an agent of imperialist Britain and that India's freedom struggle was a "staged drama." Even BJP leaders felt ashamed.

In the BJP hierarchy, Prahlad Joshi is way above Anant Kumar Hegde. He is a Minister but even that tag of responsibility did not stop him from saying that BJP leaders were the real *bhakts* of Gandhi, that pretenders like Sonia and Rahul Gandhi were false followers. That's hardly a tribute to the Mahatma because the BJP is far removed from Gandhi's core teachings. Gandhi is but a marginal convenience for the BJP to take advantage of — like using his old-fashioned spectacle frame as a motif for the *Swachh Bharat Mission.* Another BJP luminary, Parvesh Verma, was penalised by the Election Commission for extremist declamations. But he appeared to have nothing but contempt for things like Election Commission. He was proud that he told the people something no one else had told them. He said those who were protesting against the CAA at Shaheen Bagh would break into people's homes, rape and murder their sisters and daughters.

Parvesh Verma was not the only patriot penalised by the Election Commission. Even Honourable Minister Anurag Thakur was banned for 72 hours from campaigning in Delhi. These short-term punishments mean nothing of course, especially when BJP VIPs have their own ways of ignoring them. While the EC is toothless these days, the Vermas and Thakurs of the BJP flaunt tiger teeth that sprouted from sheer patriotism.

This explains incidents that a civilised country would feel ashamed about. A BJP MLA named Nand Kishor Gurjar asked a Government Officer to close all Muslim hotels in Loni, a town in Ghaziabad district of UP. The officer said he was not in a position to do so. Gurjar called the man to his office and beat him up. The officer had no recourse but to take the "punishment" lying down.

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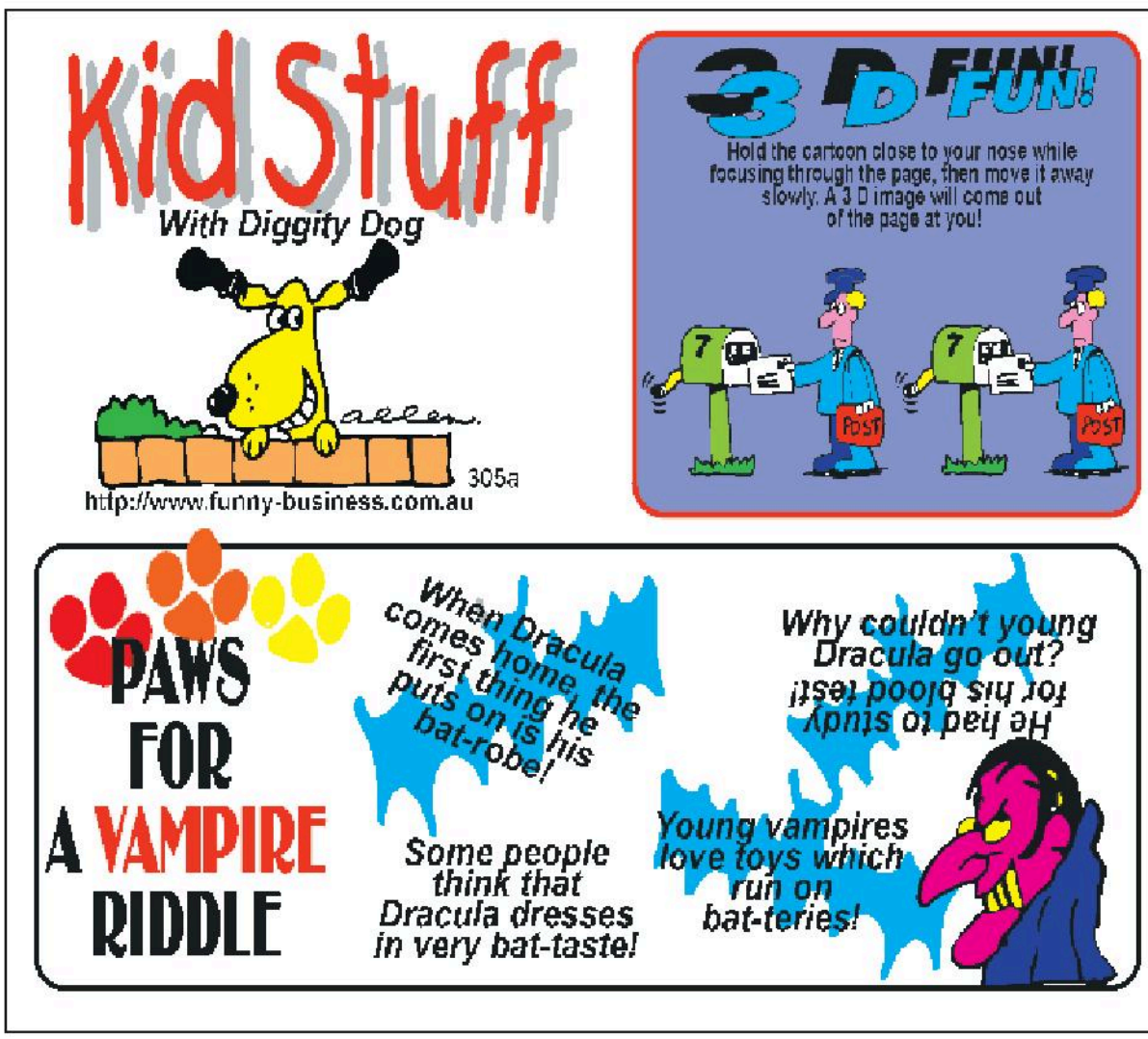
South Indians take pride in their belief that they are more tolerant than UP-Biharwallahs. Yet, a Bangalore MP, Tejasvi Surya, had no problem betraying an unusual kind of social intolerance. His condemnation of "namby-pamby secularism" was fine. But it was quite a different thing when he went on to mock the working class as "puncturewallahs" and "illiterates." It showed an immaturity and a class arrogance that exposed him rather than the puncturewallahs who make an honest living.

Surya's coarseness is sadder because his predecessor was the late Union Minister Ananth Kumar, an enlightened BJP leader who had the courtesy to respect even his opponents. On his demise, the Party should have given the seat to his wife Tejaswini, a social worker and activist in her own right.

What does a Party gain by sidelining its credible members and promoting untested talent that is too impatient to learn? More than 400 million Indians are workers, puncturewallah types. Around 290 million are illiterate. Not even the most conceited politician from the haughtiest Party can survive without the votes of these namby-pamby workers and illiterates.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State's lone Braille Press in city goes hi-tech

Imports advanced machine from Norway

Braille Printing Press Superintendent Satish checks the pages after it is printed.

The new modern machine at the Press in Tilaknagar.

Mysuru, Feb. 11 (RK, RKB &BCT)- Students at the Blind Schools across the State will be freed of their unending wait for textbooks in Braille format as a brand new and advanced Braillo 600 SR machine has arrived at the State's lone Government Braille Printing Press in Bamboo Bazar, New Sayyaji Rao Road, Tilaknagar.

The machine, imported from Norway, has been procured at a cost of Rs. 75 lakh by the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC). This Press prints text books for students from Class 1 to 10 and the text books are brought out by Department of State Educational Research and Training. The Press prints all subject text books and per year, it prints over one-and-a-half lakh textbooks and over 50,000 other books that help visually challenged children all over the State.

A single page in a normal text book will amount to 4 pages in Braille script and the advanced machine is fed with Baden Software to print the books. The script is fed to the machine by the software and pages are churned out.

The word 'Braille' has become synonymous with the cluster of raised dots on a piece of paper which the blind would run their fingers over to read. But the much-revered coded text for the blind actually bears the name of its French inventor and educator Louis Braille, whose birthday is celebrated across the globe on Jan. 4 by organisations and visually impaired individuals. The coded dots are still relevant today and help millions of people with blindness to gain knowledge.

The Braille Press was established in 1982 and the new electronic machine was set up in 1984 with the help of UNICEF funding. Earlier, the books were printed for Class 1 to 7, before expanding its capacity to print Class 10 books. In 1985-86, the Press bagged an award for printing large number of books in less time. Following demand for school books, the State Government purchased 4x4 Braille Embosser (computerised-operated machine) for Rs. 14 lakh in 2000. The machine helped print books other than academic ones and with great speed.

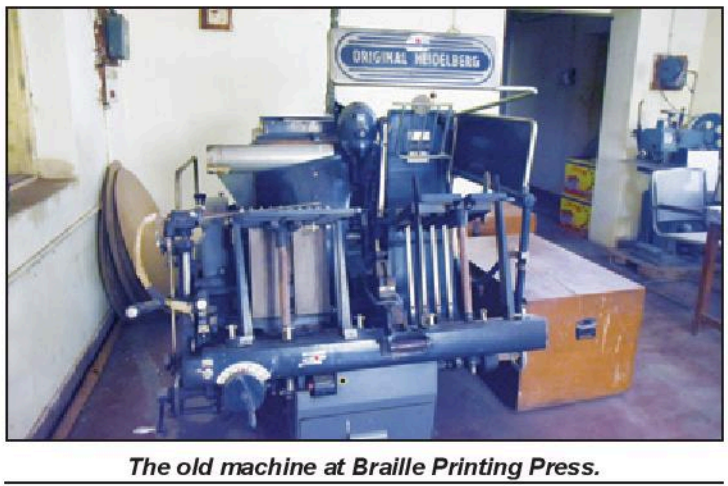
With a rise in the number of Blind Schools, the Press was overburdened with orders for Braille books. In 2005-06, it imported Braillo 400 SR machine from Norway at a cost of Rs. 50 lakh (under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan). The machine, having a capacity to print 2,000 Braille papers in an hour, helped in preserving data which is already etched on aluminium sheets.

The computer-run equipment helps access Braille data through CDs and by doing away aluminium sheets, which saves time and money. Later, the necessity of one more advanced machine was felt and Braillo 600 SR machine was imported with more advanced technology and speed.

The Press, functioning under Directorate for the Welfare of Disabled and Senior Citizens, also prints and distributes Braille books on general knowledge, music, Kannada and English grammar apart from a calendar. There are over seven employees who run and manage the Press.

The Press provides books to visually impaired children in primary schools free of cost and charges one-third of the printing cost for books supplied to high school students. Once a book hits the print, it is verified by proof readers to ensure that there are no errors or mismatch between the original text and the Braille script. Next, the script goes to the editing department for approval and after the copies are printed, they are assembled and papers are set and bound together.

There are over 54 schools that educate visually challenged in the State both private and Government-run. The Press caters to the needs of these schools. "Braille provides the basic building block for learning. Even today, it is easier to teach Braille to a blind child than technology though no one can dispute the advantages technology has brought. We have placed a request to the Government to import Inter Point 55 Braille Embosser Machine. This machine is the latest in the block and this state-of-the-art machine prevents interruptions in printing. We are awaiting the clearance from the authorities," said Professor and Pressman Mohan and Superintendent Satish who manage the Press. Apart from churning out thousands of text books, the Press has produced works like *Chomana Dudi, Mysooru Mallige, Mankuthimmana Kagga, Garathiya Haadu, Naadaleela, Sakhigeetha* and other works in Braille script for Kannada Book Authority.



The old machine at Braille Printing Press.

Meanwhile at the City Railway Station...

A visually challenged passenger feels the Braille code embossed near a platform in city Railway Station to identify the platforms and the route to reach them.

Heart on the move...

Periyapatna youth's heart to beat in Bengaluru

22-year-old Madan Raj saves 4 lives

Mysuru, Feb. 11 (BCT)- In their hour of grief of losing a 22-year-old family member, a grieving family made a conscious decision to donate his organs to save the lives of a couple of recipients who are in the line, waiting for vital organs.

A young Madan Raj met with a road accident near Koppa on Avarthi Road, Periyapatna, on Feb. 9 at 8.30 pm. He was wheeled into Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru, on the same day at 11.30 pm in an unconscious state. Initial tests were done and he was kept under observation. He had suffered severe traumatic injuries.

Yesterday, Madan was declared brain dead and as per the hospital protocol stipulated by the Transplant of Human Organs Act 1994, a panel of doctors certified that he was healthy before the incident and was fit for organ donation.

Further tests confirmed his eligibility for organ donation.

Madan Raj

Madan's family was counselled for organ donation as per the defined protocol.

The patient's relatives readily agreed to donate vital organs. As per organ donation protocols, officials from Jeeva Sarthakathe which was earlier known as Zonal Coordination Committee of Karnataka (ZCCK) initiated the process as per the waiting list of organ recipients.

His vital organs were retrieved this morning and the heart was transported to Narayana Hrudayalaya, Bengaluru, through a Green Corridor from Apollo Hospital. The ICU-equipped advanced ambulance will cover an approximate distance of 127 kms.

The Mysuru Police, along with their counterparts at Srirangapatna, Mandya, Maddur and Kengeri, are scheduled to ensure corridor free of traffic signals to facilitate the heart transfer. This system is also referred to as the 'green corridor' wherein all the traffic lights on the particular route are lit green.

Madan's liver and one kidney have been retained at Apollo BGS Hospitals and will be implanted on recipients as per protocol. The other kidney has also been harvested and the recipient hospital is not disclosed.

KERC holds public hearing

Consumers oppose power tariff hike proposal

Mysuru, Feb. 11 (RK&DM)- Power consumers from Industrial, domestic and other sectors strongly opposed the CESC's (Chamundeshwari Electric Supply Corporation) proposal for a steep power tariff hike (68 paise per unit), at the KERC (Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission) public hearing held at the Deputy Commissioner's office here this morning.

Soon as the KERC Chairman Shambu Dayal Sharma initiated the proceedings, CESC Managing Director Dr. Gopalakrishna presented a 30-minute power-point presentation on the functioning, activities, services, etc., of the State-run power company. Stating that CESC needed a revenue of Rs.5,183.92 crore for its functioning and administrative needs for the year 2020-21, Dr. Gopalakrishna said that at present, the CESC has estimated its earnings at Rs.4708.42 crore, which means a shortfall of Rs.475.50 crore in revenue target.

Pointing out that CESC is selling 6956.12 million units of power annually on an average, he urged the KERC to effect a tariff hike of 68.36 paise per unit and also a hike in fixed rates, across all categories of power consumers (LT, HT, etc,), in order to make up for the shortfall of Rs.475.50 crore.

But the CESC's proposal was stiffly opposed by Industrial bodies and other power consumers.

Karnataka Industrial Area Manufacturers Association (KIAMA) Vice-President K. Ravindra Prabhu said that the CESC's proposal for a tariff hike was not only unscientific, but also unnecessary.

Giving some tips on reducing power production costs, Prabhu appealed the KERC to reject the CESC's proposal for tariff hike.

Srinath Bhandari, Chairman, Energy Committee, Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association (KASSIA), strongly objecting to the tariff hike proposal, said there is considerable scope for reduction in power production cost and improving efficiencies that can set off the proposed additional expenditure of CESC. Therefore, the KERC should outrightly reject the CESC's proposal, he urged.

Mysore Industries Association (MIA) President and former MLA Vasu, who also strongly opposed the hike, said that the proposed hike was unwarranted at a time when Small Scale Industries were battling for survival. Maintaining that any hike in power tariff would be a huge burden for the already struggling industrial sector, he said that power supply companies should work out plans for cost reduction, instead of burdening the consumers.

KASSIA office-bearers Manjunath and Satish submitted a memorandum to the KERC Chairman opposing the CESC's power tariff hike proposal.

Hunsur CMC throws up hung verdict

Hunsur, Feb. 11 (Raghu)- The 31-member Hunsur City Municipal Council (CMC) has thrown up a hung verdict as no party managed to win the magic number of 16 seats to rule the Civic Body for the next five years.

The counting of votes that was polled on Feb.9, was taken up at 8 am at the CMC building amidst tight security.

Congress managed to win 14 seats, JD(S) won 7 seats and BJP 3. Five Independent candidates and 2 from SDPI also won.

The Congress, which was buoyant after the party candidate H.P. Manjunath won the Hunsur Assembly seat in the by-poll held on Dec.5 last, defeating nearest rival A.H. Vishwanath of the BJP by a huge margin of about 40,000 votes, failed to maintain the tempo and fell short of two seats to gain absolute majority in the 31-member CMC.

The Congress will now have to look to the five Independents to come to power in the CMC.

This was the first election after Hunsur Town Municipal Council (TMC) was upgraded as CMC.

Winners are — Congress: Anusha, Bhavya, Swamygowda, Devanayaka, Sameena Parvez, Sourabha Siddaraju, Manu, H.N. Ramesh, Zabiullah Khan, Ranjita Harish, Geetha Ningaraju, Manju, Shwetha Manju and Priyanka Thomas; **JD(S):** C. Devaraju, Sharavana, Shaheen Taj, Krishnaraja Gupta, Srinath, Rani Perumal and Radha Venkatesh; **BJP:** Harishkumar, Vivekananda and Ganesh Kumaraswamy; **Independents:** H.D. Asha, H.P. Satishkumar, Ramesh, Malik Pasha and Farveen Taj; **SDPI:** Shameena Bano and Syed Younus.

The BJP has opened its account in the Local Body after a gap of two decades.

JD(S) candidate dies a day before counting of votes

Honnalagaiah

Hunsur, Feb. 11- In an unfortunate incident, JD(S) candidate Honnalagaiah (54), who contested from Ward 17 of Hunsur City Municipal Council (CMC), died yesterday, just a day before the counting.

Honnalagaiah was travelling on his motorcycle (KA-09 HJ-2910)on Bachahalli Road to pick up his wife from his farmland last evening, when he lost balance and crashed into a drainage along the road near Chikkahunsur lake. Honnalagaiah, who sustained serious injuries in the mishap died on the spot.

Honnalagiah lost the CMC Polls, the counting of which was taken up this morning.

ADC Poornima gets unique invitation to *Bahuroopi-2020*

Mysuru, Feb. 11 (MTY&SD) - The much awaited theatre event of the year, the annual National Theatre Festival, Bahuroopi-2020 will be held in Rangayana from Feb. 14 to Feb. 19.

Marking the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the theme for this year's Bahuroopi is *'Gandhi Patha'* (Gandhi's Path).

In an effort to involve all sections of the society including theatre artistes, litterateurs and common man in this year's theatre festival, two unique programmes, *'Mane Manege Gandhi Patha'* and *'Mysurinalli Gandhi Hejje'* were held this morning.

As part of today's event, folk singers Veeranna Muttanna Angadi and team visited the residence of Additional Deputy Commissioner B.R. Poornima in Jayalakshmipuram in city this morning and invited her to Bahuroopi theatre festival by singing *Lavani* and *Gigi Pada*.

Organisers of Bahuroopi will be visiting Mane Manchamma Devi Temple, Mandi Mohalla in city and the chief priest and the devotees of the temple will also be invited later this evening. One can recall that, on his visit to Mysuru in 1927, Mahatma Gandhi had visited Mane Manchamma Devi Temple with a view to promote equality and curb untouchability that prevailed in the region. Similarly, a team of Bahuroopi will be visiting the residence of writer Latha, and invite her in a similar unique manner, later this evening.

Theatre person and Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa, Rangayana artistes Hulugappa Kattimani, Geetha Montadka and others were present.

BJP retains MCC Ward 18

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Although Congress candidate Ravindra Kumar managed to gain lead in the initial rounds of counting, BJP candidate Ravindra overtook him in the later rounds and succeeded in emerging as the victor by a margin of 103 votes. The Ward saw a triangular contest with only candidates from BJP, Congress and JD(S) contesting the by-poll, which was necessitated after the Karnataka High Court annulled the election of BJP Corporator Guru Vinayaka over fake caste certificate issue. With today's victory, the BJP which is the opposition party in the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has managed to retain the seat and maintain its tally of 21 seats in the 65-member MCC.

MCC Ward 18 comprises Yadavagiri, Manjunathapura, Medar Block and Railway Quarters and comes under Chamaraja Assembly segment that is presently represented by MLA L. Nagendra.

Speaking to presspersons after the BJP victory, Nagendra said that the BJP has retained the seat despite the efforts of the Congress and JD(S) to wrest the seat. Asserting that the Ward is a BJP fortress, he said that the BJP would have won by a huge margin had the educated voters of Yadavagiri turned up in large numbers to vote. The victory would spur the BJP to improve its performance in all future elections, he added. Former Mayor Sandesh Swamy, City BJP President Srivatsa and others were present.

Valedictory of NSS Golden Jubilee fete from tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb. 11 (RKB&KS)- The two-day valedictory function of University of Mysore's (UoM) National Service Scheme (NSS) Golden Jubilee celebrations will be held on Feb. 12 and 13 at the Senate Bhavan in Manasagangothri campus, said Programme Co-ordinator Dr. B. Chandrashekar.

Addressing a press meet at Patrakarthara Bhavan here yesterday, Dr. Chandrashekar said that the valedictory function would be inaugurated at 10.30 am tomorrow by Additional Chief Secretary of the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports Dr. G. Kalpana. Mysore University Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar will preside. NSS Programme Advisor Dr. Samuel Challaiah, Regional Director Khadri Narasimhaiah and others will be present.

Continuing, Dr. Chandrashekar said that seminars on the topics 'Role of Youths in Building the Nation', 'National Service Scheme' etc. will be held from 12.15 pm. Dr. Gananatha Shetty Yekkar will preside.

On Feb. 13 at 10.30 am, Varsity VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar will preside over the valedictory function. Dr. S.G. Ramadas Reddy, K.M. Prasanna Kumar, Dr. S.J. Raghavendra, Mahesh Urs and Dr. Ramesh Babu were present at the press meet.

AAP sweeps Delhi: Arvind Kejriwal's gift to wife on birthday

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All the Congress heavyweights, including Alka Lamba, Arvinder Singh Lovely, Ashok Kumar Walia and Poonam Azad are trailing.

Among the AAP heavyweights trailing are Manish Sisodia, Atishi Marlena, Kailash Gahlot and Satyender Jain.

Manish Sisodia struggles

In an up-and-down battle, Manish Sisodia trailed by 1,427 votes from his nearest rival, BJP's Ravinder Singh Negi around noon. Sisodia is number two leader in AAP and as Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi he held all key portfolios in the AAP Government.

AAP, which accused the BJP of polarising the voters over the Shaheen Bagh protests, said the results indicated that the "real nationalism is to work for the people".

"Our victory will prove that real patriotism is that if you get the opportunity in politics, you must work for people. Work on education, hospitals... Delhi will prove that if a Government works sincerely, then it can win," Sisodia said.

New Delhi, Feb. 11- Arvind Kejriwal's wife Sunita Kejriwal's 54th birthday fall stoday, a big day for the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) as trends shows the party leading in the 70-Member Assembly.

People on Twitter gave birthday wishes to Sunita Kejriwal, who had campaigned extensively for her husband. Both were officers of the Indian Revenue Service before Kejriwal joined politics. On voting day last week, Sunita had tweeted a family photo outside a polling station. She said her son voted for the first time in any election.

She had campaigned for her husband before the Delhi election, going from door-to-door with AAP workers. On attacks by BJP leaders who called her husband a "terrorist", she had said, "I think people will give them (BJP leaders) a befitting reply. It's been 25 years since we are married. He (Arvind) has always told social service is his passion. Those who are saying even they know are lying... either they are under some sort of pressure or they lack an individual identity."

Power disruption tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb.11- Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow between 9 am and 5 pm in Gargeshwari Power Distribution Centre: Yadadore, Kurisiddanahundi, Hale Tirumakodalu, Induwalu, Rayarahundi, Hosakempayynahundi, Halekempayynahundi and GP limits. **Vyasarajapura Power Distribution Centre:** Sosale, Benakanahalli, Kolathru, Doddebagil, Ukkalagere, R.P. Hundi and GP limits.

Public awareness programme on ground water

Mysuru, Feb. 11- Karnataka Ground Water Authority, Bengaluru in association with Senior Geologist, District Ground Water Office, Mysuru, has organised a 'Ground Water Public Awareness Programme' at Government High School, Chilkunda village, Hunsur taluk on Feb. 12 at 10 am.

The programme has been organised to create awareness about proper usage, conservation, management and revival of ground water sources among people. Zilla Panchayat member H.E. Jayalakshmi Rajanna will inaugurate the programme.

Gram Panchayat President Sumitra will preside.

Hunsur Block Education Officer S.P. Nagaraju will release a handbook on ground water.

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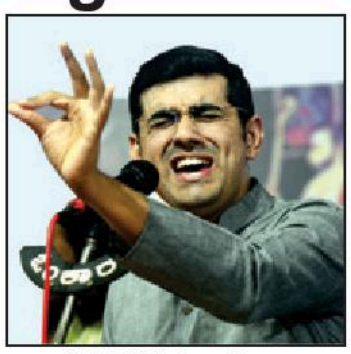
Sikkil to sing at Ganabharathi

Mysuru, Feb. 11- Ganabharathi is organising a music concert by Sikkil Gurucharan at its premises on Adichunchanagiri Road in city on Feb. 14 at 6 pm. The programme is organised in memory of Srimathi Saraswathi Rao and Dr. R. Sundarachar.

Gurucharan will be accompanied by Vidwan N. Karthik on violin, Vidwan Bharadwaj on mridanga and Vidwan G.S. Ramanujan on ghata.

Artistes' Profiles: Sikkil Gurucharan is among the foremost young performing musicians of Karntatak music in India today. He is the grandson of Vidushi Sikkil Kunjumani, elder of the internationally acclaimed flautists the 'Sikkil Sisters'. Gurucharan has been under the tutelage of Vaigal S. Gnanaskandan and is currently being mentored by B. Krishnamurthy. He is an 'A' graded artiste of All India Radio. *India Today* featured him among '35 Game-changers Under the age of 35 in India,' a list of young achievers from different walks of life. Gurucharan has performed extensively in India and abroad,



Vid. Sikkil Gurucharan

Vid. N. Karthik

Vid. N.C. Bharadwaj

Vid. G.S. Ramanujan

spanning prestigious venues such as the Music Academy, Sri Shanmukhananda Sabha, Esplanade Theatres on the Bay, Riverside Theatres (Sydney), Korean Arts Management Centre (Seoul), to name a few. Gurucharan, along with pianist Anil Srinivasan and legendary guitarist John McLaughlin has given unique music programmes. He has several awards and prizes to his credit like Tchaikovsky Award, Isai Peroli, Nada Sri, Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar.

Vid. N. Karthik is the son and disciple of illustrious musician Vidwan Mysore M. Nagaraj. Karthik, in spite of being young, has rich experience of accompanying veteran senior artistes. He is known for his soulful playing.

Vidwan N.C. Bharadwaj is one of the most sought after young percussionists. He is the disciple of Mridanga Chakravarthy Vidwan Umayalapuram K. Sivaraman and has a rich experience of accompanying highly reputed vocalists and instrumentalists of top echelons of Karnatak music.

Vidwan G.S. Ramanujan, a senior percussionist, is the disciple of Vidwan P.G. Laxminarayan. For more details, call Mob: 99000-82773.

Karnatak Vocal Concert at Nadabrahma

Mysuru, Feb. 11- Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha has organised a Karnatak vocal concert by S. Sakethraman at the Sabha premises on JLB Road in city on Feb.15 at 6 pm. The event is organised as part of Shanta Narasimham Memorial concert sponsored by Seetha Vatsalchari.

Sakethraman will be accompanied by Trivandrum Sampath on violin and K.U. Jayachandra Rao on mridanga.

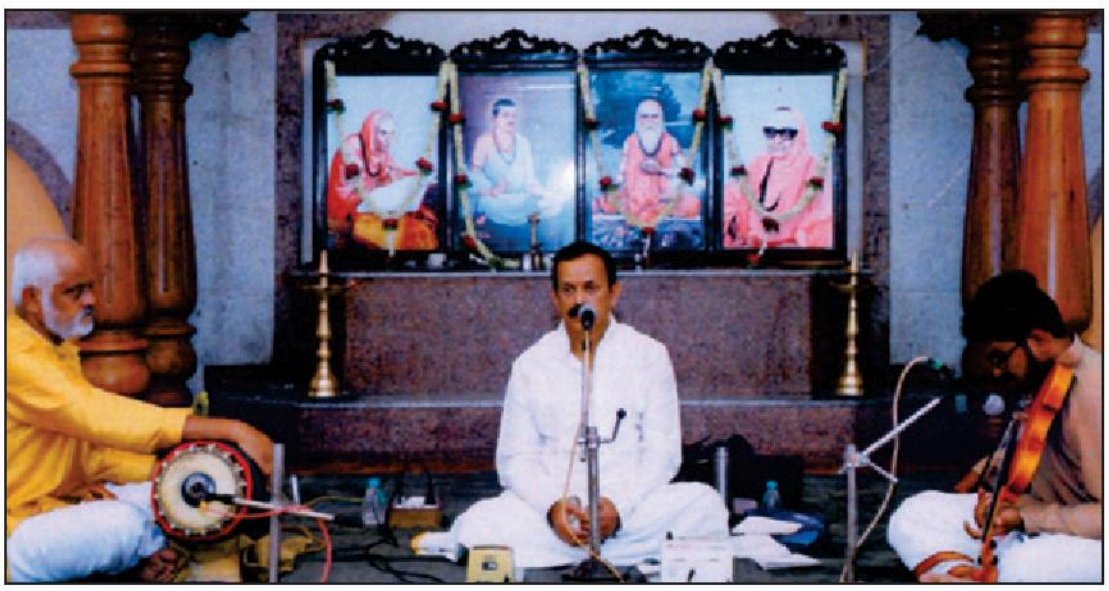
Artiste's Profile: Saketharaman is one of the top performing musicians of Karnatak music in India. He is a disciple of *Padma Bhushan* Lalgudi Jayaraman. Saketharaman started learning Karnatak vocal from late Srirangam Krishnamurthy Rao at the age of 4. Subsequently he learnt

S. Sakethraman

under late Savitri Satyamurthy. He learnt several *Padams* and *Javalis* from Geetha Raja. He is currently learning rare *kirthanas* of Trinity and other yesteryear composers from Vid. Nagai Muralidharan. Saketharaman's mother, Vijaya Santhanam, is a post-graduate in Chemistry. His father, Santhanam, is a Chartered Accountant. His elder sister, Vishaka Hari, is a well-known *Harikatha* exponent. His wife, Vidhya, is a doctor. The couple have a daughter and a son.

A Software Engineer at Goldman Sachs, dealing with investment banking, Saketharaman is also an A-Grade *AIR* artiste. He has composed more than 100 *Pallavis* in rare *Thalas* which are featured regularly in his concerts. He has been recognised with very prestigious awards from high profile Sabhas. He also participated in the Republic Day Parade at New Delhi during his school years.

Vid. N. Srinath presents Moonlight Music



Vid. N. Srinath presenting a vocal concert at Suttur Mutt at the foot of Chamundi Hill in city on Feb. 9 as part of the Mutt's Moonlight Music-221 programme. He is accompanied by Vid. Mysuru M. Keshava on violin and Vid. G.S. Ramanujan on mridanga.

A musical offering from Russia on Feb. 16

Mysuru, Feb. 11- City's Kalpa Kshetra is hosting a musical offering by Russian musicians Alexey and Anna Filatov at its auditorium, 581/1, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, on Feb. 16 at 6 pm.

Artistes' Profiles: Alexey and Anna Filatov, the young musical duo, hail from Russia. Trained in music and literature since their childhood, they write their own lyrics, compose the music and perform widely in Russia. Their musical performances are notable for their lyrical melodies. They sing as the duo "Beyond Time" ("Vne Vremeni" in Russian) under the stage names of Aert (Alexey) and Alean (Anna). They visit India regularly, travelling and singing, drawing inspiration and guidance from places they visit and people they meet.

In their own words they say, "We want to share our songs with you. We perform our own songs in Russian with a guitar, as well as improvisations with ethnic flutes. (Alexei - guitar, Anna - flute, piano)."

Anna, who studied Tamil at Moscow State University, has earned an M.A. in Tamil and speaks it fluently. The concert in city here will be held in Russian and Tamil.

City resident Dr. Kamakshi Mohanraj is organising the event. Dr. Kamakshi did her Russian studies at JNU, New Delhi, in 1965. She then went to Moscow State University in 1967, where she earned her MA degree and later got her Ph.D from Brown University, USA, in 1975. She taught Russian language and literature for over 20 years at the English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU) and now residing in the city. The event is open to public.

For more details, call Mob: 94498-19536.

Sri Purandara-Thyagaraja Aradhana celebrations

Sri Purandara Dasa

Sri Tyagaraja

Mysuru, Feb. 11- As part of the 34th Aradhana Mahotsav of Sri Purandara-Tyagaraja, city's Surabhi Gana Kala Mandira has organised a two-day music festival on Feb. 15 and 16 at Sri Prasanna Parvathi Kalyana Mantapa, V.V. Mohalla. As part of the festival, Art patron K.V. Murthy will be felicitated.

Feb. 15: At **10.30 am,** the disciples of Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar will present rare pieces of all varieties of musical compositions, starting from *Geethe, Jathiswara* to *Padam* and *Vachana*; at **6.30 pm**, a special musical composition, *'Nagama'* will be presented using many instruments like veena, violin, flute, saxophone, mridanga, ghata and morching, under the direction of Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar.

Feb. 16: Group rendition of Purandara Navarathna *krithis* at **8 am**, followed by Goshti Gaayana of Tyagaraja's Pancharathna *krithis*. At **10 am**, *Kala Sevarathna* K.V. Murthy, Art-patron and Industrialist, will be felicitated. At **10.30 am,** Karnatak Classical Vocal concert by Vidwan Sikkil Gurucharan of Chennai, accompanied by Vidwan B.K. Raghu on violin, Vidwan Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga and Vidwan G.S. Ramanujan on ghata, according to a press release.

Sri M. Gopalaswami Memorial Cricket 2019-20

YMCC enters quarter-finals

Mysuru, Feb. 11- YMCC, helped by some inspiring performances by T.P. Sharbin (88, 15x4) and B.C. Rohan (50 & 3/11), registered a facile seven-wicket win over Vidyaranya CC and entered the quarter-finals in the Sri M. Gopalaswami Memorial Cricket Tournament 2019-20 played at the Gangothri Grounds here yesterday.

SCORES

Vidyaranya CC: 156 in 41.1 overs (Dheer Sona 69, N. Nishanth 24, B.C. Rohan 3/11, G. Pavan 2/42, G.R. Abhinandan 2/38, S. Manoj Kumar 2/18) lost to **YMCC:** 157/3 in 28.5 overs (T.P. Sharbin 88, B.C. Rohan 50, S. Rajashekar 2/17).

KSCA Mysuru Zonal League 2019-20

Lankesh, Vinay Sagar shine for Jo Jo CC in drawn tie

Mandya, Feb. 11- A century by Lankesh (113,11x4,1x6) and Vinay Sagar (101, 9x4) helped Jo Jo CC gain the vital first innings lead in the two-day drawn KSCA Mysuru Zone 1st Division League match played at the PET grounds here recently.

SCORES

1st Division

Jo Jo CC: 365/6 decl. in 76 overs (K.S. Lankesh 113, Vinay Sagar 101, G.L. Yashas 73, S. Harshith 37, K. Arun 20, K.C. Cariyappa 5/105) drew with **Vidyaranya CC:** 168 in 42.3 overs (L.R. Lokesh 64, T. Niranjan 42, G.L. Yashas 4/55, K. Arun 3/32, G. Shantaraju 2/16) & 184/7 in 55 overs (Sampreeth P. Shetty 55, Dheer Sona 32, R. Ashrith 29, T. Niranjan 27 n.o., K.V. Nandakishore 2/26, G. Shantaraju 2/22, K. Arun 2/33); **Jo Jo CC:** 3 and **Vidyaranya CC:** 1.

Jaihind CC 'A': 139 in 39.3 overs (B.M. Shreyas 43, S. Ishaan 4/46, Lochan Appanna 3/27) & 189 in 55.4 overs (Joydeep 80 n.o., B.M. Shreyas 35, Yashwanth Urs 32, V.M. Mohinder Vinayak 4/22, S. Ishaan 2/13, Prajwal Pawan 2/12) drew with **Navodaya CC:** 168 in 55.1 overs (M.G. Vinyas 76, S. Ishaan 45, Ashish Yadav 6/96 Ravichandran 2/6) & 51/3 in 7 overs (Lochan Appanna 28, Ashish Yadav 2/24); **Navodaya CC:** 3 and **Jaihind CC 'A':** 1.

2nd Division

Mysore Underwriters SC: 212 in 48.3 overs (Adarsh Gowda 45, Akshay 33, Vinod Gowda 33, K.M. Sharath 32, J. Chethan 2/37. Madan Mohan 3/34, Pratik 2/40) bt **Mohan's XI:** 158 in 34 overs (Dilip Kumar 53 n.o., Madan Mohan 31, Lokesh 28, Sudai 3/20, K.M. Sharath 3/35, Naveen 3/46).

3rd Division

Sunny Side CC: 93 in 26.4 overs (B.R. Abhilash 2/19, G.R. Abhinandan 2/25, S. Manoj Kumar 2/22, T.P. Sharbin 2/8) lost to **YMCC:** 94/5 in 19.1 overs (T.P. Sharbin 29, G.R. Abhinandan 22 n.o.).

MYSORE WINTER RACES 2020

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

'Jonny Bravo' for Mysore City Gold Cup

Mysuru, Feb. 11- Following are the selections for the 14th Day Mysore Races to be held here tomorrow (12th February 2020):

1.	1.00 PM	**KODACHADRI PLATE DIV II**
		1200 mts (rated 00 to 25)
		1. To Bin 2. Amazing Beauty
2.	1.30 PM	**ELLORA PLATE**
		1400 mts (rated 00 to 25)
		1. Gabino 2. Senator
3.	2.00 PM	**KODACHADRI PLATE DIV I**
		1200 mts (rated 00 to 25)
		1. Naval Glory 2. Praelector
4.	2.30 PM	**SIACHIN PLATE DIV III**
		1400 mts (rated 20 to 45)
		1. Russian Spy 2. Pilgrim
5.	3.00 PM	**AJANTH PLATE**
		1600 mts (rated 40 to 65)
		1. Thea's Gift 2. Rustic Sunrise
6.	3.30 PM	**SIACHIN PLATE DIV II**
		1400 mts (rated 20 to 45)
		1. King's Command 2. Great Celebration
7.	4.00 PM	**MYSORE CITY GOLD CUP**
		1400 mts - 3 years (Terms)
		1. Jonny Bravo 2. Ashwa Brooni
8.	4.30 PM	**UJIRE PLATE**
		1200 mts (rated 60 and above)
		1. Stormy Atlantic 2. Maduro
9.	5.00 PM	**SIACHIN PLATE DIV I**
		1400 mts (rated 20 to 45)
		1. Make My Way 2. Segera

DAY'S BEST: *STORMY ATLANTIC*
DOUBLE: *1.TO BIN 2. JONNY BRAVO*
JACKPOT: *5, 6, 7, 8, 9*
I-TREBLE: *1, 2, 3;* ***II-TREBLE:*** *4, 5, 6;* ***III-TREBLE:*** *7, 8, 9;*
EXACTAS: *8, 9*

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Mysuru boys in Tata Steel PGTI Players Championship

India's Shubhankar Sharma to be star attraction

Yashas

Aalaap

Prafful

Shubhankar

Bengaluru, Feb. 11- The Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI) will be staging the TATA Steel PGTI Players Championship 2020 presented by Eagleton-The Golf Resort at Bidadi near Bengaluru from Feb.11 to 14 and it carries a prize purse of Rs.30 lakh.

Indian star and European Tour regular Shubhankar Sharma will be the star attraction at the Tournament. The other top players who will be seen in action are Khalin Joshi, Shamim Khan, Udhayan Mane, S.Chikkarangappa and Honey Baisoya.

Mysuru's professional golfers' M.S. Yashas Chandra, I.L. Aalaap and Prafful Chand (all from JWGC) will also take part.

Bengaluru Open ATP Challenger Tennis

Mysuru lads go down in first round

Bengaluru, Feb. 11- Sidharth Rawat was at his best as he went past Borna Gojo of Croatia 3-6, 7-6(3), 7-6(3) in the first round of the Men's Singles event in the $1,62,480 Bengaluru Open ATP Challenger Men's Tennis Tournament at the Karnataka State Lawn Tennis Association (KSLTA) Stadium yesterday.

Sasikumar Mukund ousted Blaz Kavoic of Slovenia 2-6,6-3, 6-4 to progress to the second round. Saketh Myneni staved off the challenge put up by Aslan Karatsev of Russia 6-3, 6-3 to forge ahead.

National Champion Niki Poonacha had to give his best to get past Wild Card entrant Adil Kalyanpur 6-4, 6-7(5), 7-6(4) to enter the second round.

Mysuru lads, S.D. Prajwal Dev and Suraj R. Prabodh lost their first round matches. Sultanov Khumoyun (Uzb) beat S.D. Prajwal Dev 6-2, 6-1 while Orlov Vladyslav (Ukraine) got the better of Suraj Prabodh 6-2, 6-2 to progress further.

Waqar Hasan, last surviving member of Pak's first Test squad, dies at 87

Waqar Hasan

Karachi, Feb. 11- Waqar Hasan, the last surviving member of Pakistan's first Test side that toured India in 1952, passed away yesterday. He was 87.

Born in Amritsar on September 12, 1932, Waqar was the last surviving member of the Pakistan's first-ever Test side that played against India in New Delhi in October 1952. On that tour, Waqar had scores of eight, five (in New Delhi), 23 (in Lucknow), 81, 65 (in Mumbai), 49 (in Chennai) and 29 and 97 (in Kolkata), according to a report.

He was also part of the Pakistan side which recorded a historic win over England at The Oval in 1954 by 24 runs. An attractive batsman, Waqar ended his 21-Test career in 1959 after scoring 1,071 runs. His only century (189) came against New Zealand in Lahore in October 1955. The knock was then a Pakistan record, which was broken next day by Imtiaz Ahmed, who scored 209 as the two batsmen put on 308 for the seventh wicket — a Pakistan record.

Waqar was not only an outstanding cricketer, but a thorough gentleman too who set very high standards. He was an articulate and smart cricket administrator who contributed to Pakistan with his wisdom and progressive approach and vision.

Waqar continued to serve Pakistan cricket in various administrative roles, including Chair of the National Selection Committee in 1982-83.

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Plea to clear dry leaves at Vijayanagar

Due to seasonal effect, a tree located on the 10th cross in front of House No. 326 in Vijayanagar has shed its leaves and are scattered on the ground. Residents said that the scavengers, while cleaning this road, pushed the dry leaves to one place and assured that the dry leaves' heap would be cleared in a couple of days. Although a couple of weeks have passed, the dry leaves have not been cleared and due to winds they are scattered all around and even filled the drainage. These dry leaves can easily catch fire. Residents have urged the authorities concerned to get the leaves cleared at the earliest.

The unfriendly footpath at V.V. Mohalla

The footpath in front of HDFC Bank in V.V. Mohalla, which leads to a footwear showroom has two culverts to drain rain water flowing on the road to the main drain. These culverts are not covered fully and a stone slab is placed on the culvert for pedestrians to cross which are above the road level causing difficulties to pedestrians, especially senior citizens. One of our SOM readers who sent us these photographs said that his friend fell and injured his toe which required a couple of stitches. Authorities concerned are urged to get the culverts covered fully for the benefit of pedestrians.

KRRS urges State to announce farmer welfare schemes in Budget

Mysuru,Feb.11(MTY&DM)-The Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha (KRRS) has urged the State Government to announce schemes aimed at farmer welfare in the forthcoming Budget.

Addressing a press meet here recently, KRRS President Badagalapura Nagendra said that the farmers of the State were distressed by loss of crops due to floods and drought, unremunerative prices for crops and rising farming costs. In this backdrop, the Government must come to the rescue of farmers by announcing sops and schemes that really benefit the farming community,he said.

Welcoming Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa's decision to convene a meeting of farmer leaders at Bengaluru on Feb.13, Nagendra said that the KRRS would present a 21-point charter of demands to the Government at the meeting. Urging the Government to waive off long-term and short-term loans of farmers at all the 177 PLD Banks in the State, he said that the State Government must take measures to clear all hurdles in the full implementation of the farm-loan waiver scheme announced by the previous H.D. Kumaraswamy Government and announce Budgetary allocations for the revival of Mandya, Pandavapura and Chunchanakatte Sugar factories.

The other farmer demands include withdrawal of all cases against farmer, Dalit and Kannada activists, measures for value addition for farm produce, promotion of Zero-budget farming, a favourable Neera policy, skill development programmes for rural women and permanent drought relief measures, among others.

Prof. M.D. Nanjundaswamy birth anniversary on Feb.13

Rally in protest of anti-farmer policies to mark the event

Mysuru, Feb.11 (MTY&DM)-The 84th birth anniversary of late farmer leader Prof. M.D. Nanjundaswamy (Prof. MDN) will take place at Centenary auditorium in Channapatna of Ramanagara district on Feb.13 at 11.30 am.

Announcing this at a press meet at Jaladarshini Guest House here recently, KRRS President Badagalapura Nagendra said that marking Prof. MDN's birthday, a rally will be held in protest against the anti-farmer policies of the Government. Noting that although Prof. MDN is not among us today, the KRRS is striving hard in keeping his ideals alive by relentlessly taking up the cause of farmers.

Preceding the rally, a massive procession will be taken out from Channapatna's Mangalpet Circle to the Centenary Bhavan, where several farmer leaders will address the gathering, he said and added that thousands of farmers from across the State are expected to take part in the event.

Continuing, Nagendra said that the KRRS will stage a demonstration in front of the Mysuru Deputy Commissioner's office at 11 am on Feb.19, seeking dropping of Mysuru-Madikeri NH-275 road project.

Questioning the need for a new Mysuru-Madikeri Highway when there is already Mysuru-Bantwal National Highway passing through Madikeri, Nagendra said that the new Highway will destroy fertile lands, crops and houses. Terming the new Highway as an eco-disaster, he said that the KRRS was severely opposed to the project and the Government should drop the project (NH-275) in the interests of the farmers and the environment.

KRRS office-bearers Lokesh Raje Urs, Hosur Kumar, Sargur Nataraj, Hoskote Basavaraj, Netravathi and others were present at the press meet.

Prepare for exam on a war-footing mode: MLA Ramdas

Mysuru, Feb. 11 (MTY&SD) - "Students should prepare themselves on a war-footing mode to score better in SSLC exam," advised MLA S.A. Ramdas.

Ramdas was conversing with SSLC students and their parents as well as Block Education Officers in Taralabalu Education Centre auditorium on Sunday.

Stating that Education Department is leaving no stone unturned to improve the SSLC results, he said, "Over the last two years, Mysuru district has seen a steep downfall in the pass percentage of SSLC results. We are seeking help from educationalists in this regard. Our aim is to get 100 percent results in all schools in KR constituency."

Ramdas urged students to wake up at 5 am and work hard for the exam as only 40 days are left for the final exam. Advising them not to waste their valuable time on mobile phones, television and other media, he suggested the students to seek help of their teachers to score better.

Retired Col. Ravi, South Zone BEO Shivkumar, Taralabalu Education Centre Head Master Shivkumar, GSS Foundation Founder Srihari, B.S. Prashanth of Safe Wheels and Head Masters of various High Schools were present.

Youths create ruckus inside bar over torn currency note

Mysuru, Feb. 11 (RK&KS)- Three youths, who were angry after being denied liquor for a torn currency note at a bar, created ruckus and also threatened the staff with murder at B.M. Shree Nagar on Friday night.

In a complaint filed by bar owner Manjunath, the three youths Kunda, Raatu and Amul came to the bar on Feb. 7 at about 10.15 pm and produced a torn note for liquor.

When the cashier refused to accept the torn note, they gave another note to Manjunath and got the liquor.

After some time, cleaner Ranganath told the youths that it was closing hour and they had to wind up their drinking.

This angered the trio and they tried to assault Ranganath. Manjunath, Stalin, Manu and Mahadevaswamy, who tried to intervene, were threatened by the trio.

The youths later picked up beer bottles and threw them at the staff, creating tense moments. The staff somehow managed to send the youths out of the bar and closed the shutter. But the youths then pelted stones on the shutter and threatened the staff of murder.

The youths, however fled after seeing the Police arriving at the bar.

Metagalli Police have launched a hunt to nab the absconding trio.

Reservation is a fundamental right: Former Judge

Mysuru, Feb. 11 (MTY&SD)- Former High Court Judge H.N. Nagamohan Das has said that reservation is a fundamental right, while the Supreme Court ruling is not in accordance with the ideals of the Constitution.

The former judge was speaking after inaugurating a public hearing organised in Kalamandira in city yesterday. Nagamohan Das heads a one-man Commission to look into the demands of increasing SC/ST reservation in the state in accordance with the percentage of the population.

He said that disinvestment, privatisation, shutting down of government-run establishments and institutions are a threat to reservation and social justice. He said that the only solution to the issue is the rescinding of the 117th Amendment in Parliament for reservation in promotions for SC/STs and make it a fundamental right.

"60 lakh posts are vacant in Central and State governments, and in Karnataka itself, 2,69,000 posts are vacant. If these had been filled, many would have got reserved posts. While there are vacant posts, the government is recruiting employees on contract basis and is outsourcing jobs where there is no reservation," Das said.

"Reservation in all sectors is a must for empowerment of all backward classes, scheduled castes and tribes. Reservation and social justice is a fundamental right of all vulnerable sections," he said.

Elected representatives and former legislators including former MP R. Dhruvanarayan and MLA Ashwin Kumar, member of the SC/ST Reservation Panel advocate Ananth Naik, Member Secretary of the Panel Sabir Mohammed, Panel Members Prof. S. Chandrashekar and Muniraju, Joint Director of the Social Welfare Department Prakash and hundreds of people as well as SC and ST outfits from Mysuru, Mandya, Hassan, Chamarajanagar, Kodagu, Chikkamagalur, Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts participated in the public hearing.

KSIC Silk Factory employees stage protest against merger

Mysuru, Feb. 11 (PM&KS)- Opposing the proposal to merge Karnataka Handloom Development Corporation and Karnataka Silk Marketing Board with Karnataka Silk Industries Corporation (KSIC) and give incentives to employees as per the agreement, the employees of KSIC Silk Factory staged a protest in front of DC Office here yesterday.

The employees, under the banner of Joint Employees' Action Committee of Karnataka Silk Industries Corporation, protesting against the merger proposal, said that the profit-making KSIC would end up as a loss-making unit if the Handloom Corporation and Silk Marketing Board are merged with KSIC.

The protestors said that the KSIC has 18 outlets with an annual turnover of Rs. 200 crore, out of which Rs. 25 to Rs. 30 crore was being spent for its expansion. Instead of supporting the initiatives taken up by KSIC, the Government was proposing to merge it, they regretted and urged the Government to drop the merger proposal in the interest of Silk Factory. They also sought an incentive of Rs. 15,000 promised to them during Dasara last year, which was still pending. AITUC District Secretary H.R. Sheshadri, leaders of various Labour Unions M. Kalappa, C. Mohan, Sudarshan and Basavaraju were present.

Tri-monthly district-level meeting held

DC instructs officials to make use of 15-Point grants for development of minorities

Mysuru, Feb. 11 (RKB&KS)- "The grants sanctioned by the Government for development programmes of minorities should not be sent back. Make use of the funds," instructed DC Abhiram G. Sankar.

He was addressing officials of various departments at the district-level third tri-monthly progress review meeting 2019-20 of Prime Minister's 15-Point Programme for the development of minorities, at his Office yesterday. Stating that the remaining Rs. 11 lakh at Morarji Desai Residential School be used for the construction of a library at the School and to provide basic facilities, the DC instructed the officials that no grants or funds be sent back.

The DC said that there was only one Urdu School in the city and in order to benefit Muslim students, the number of Urdu schools would be increased and added that efforts would be taken to provide furniture in a few Schools.

There is a need to increase the teachers to students ratio at few schools and efforts must be taken to see that there is no dearth for teachers, he said and added that there was a shortage of Kannada teachers at the Arch Gate School and instructed the officials to take steps in this regard.

Stating that a Job Mela for unemployed minority youths of Mysuru, Mandya and Kodagu districts would be held on Feb. 19 and 20 at the Scouts and Guides Ground, DC instructed the officials to give publicity in these three districts so that minority youths could attend the Job Mela in large numbers.

Meanwhile, officials informed the DC that they had received the list of beneficiaries of various schemes from eight Assembly segments and selection of beneficiaries from Hunsur, K.R. Nagar and Periyapatna are yet to take place.

Department of Women and Child Development Deputy Director Padma informed the DC that Bhagyalakshmi Bonds were not being supplied properly since four years, but are now being supplied regularly and in turn, are being issued to beneficiaries in the taluk-level.

District Minorities Welfare Department's District Officer Muqthar Pasha, Prime Minister's 15-Point Programme Committee members Mohammed Rafiq and Raju were present.

Legislative Council by-poll on Feb.17

Bengaluru, Feb.11- The by-poll to the lone vacant seat of the Karnataka Legislative Council will be held on Feb.17. The ruling BJP has fielded Deputy Chief Minister Laxman Savadi, while Anil Kumar has filed his papers as JD(S) supported independent candidate.

The Congress is yet to take a clear stand on supporting Anil Kumar. The by-poll has been necessitated after the resignation of Rizwan Arshad of the Congress, who was elected as MLA from Shivajinagar Assembly segment in the by-poll held on Dec. 5 last.

Obituary

Ponnamma Thomas

Mysuru, Feb. 11- Ponnamma Thomas (84), wife of late M.J. Thomas passed away this morning in city.

She leaves behind sons Joseph Thomas Mamparambil and Titus Thomas, daughter Sherly Francis and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral service was held at her son's residence in Srirampura this afternoon, followed by the burial at Infant Jesus Cathedral Cemetery on Hunsur Road, according to family sources.

Siddaiah

Siddaiah (73), an ex-serviceman and a resident of Gayathripuram passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed yesterday evening at the foot of Chamundi Hill.

WORD OF THE DAY

Canard

Pronunciation: kuh-NARD.
Meaning: A false or unfounded report or story; especially : a fabricated report; a groundless rumor or belief; an airplane with horizontal stabilizing and control surfaces in front of supporting surfaces; also : a small airfoil in front of the wing of an aircraft that can increase the aircraft's performance.
Origin: In 16th-century France, vendre des canards à moitié was a colorful way of saying "to fool" or "to cheat." The French phrase means, literally, "to half-sell ducks." No one now knows just what was meant by "to half-sell"; the proverb was probably based on some story widely known at the time, but the details have not survived. At any rate, the expression led to the use of canard, the French word for "duck," with the meaning of "a hoax" or "a fabrication." English speakers adopted this canard in the mid-1800s. The aeronautical sense of canard, used from the early days of flying, comes from the stubby duck-like appearance of the aircraft.
Example: I eat plenty of apples and still get sick so I do not believe the canard about an apple a day keeping the doctor away.

THE ODD WORD

Caballine

Of, like or pertaining to or suited to a horse.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Cash on the nail

Meaning: Payment made immediately.
Origin: The expression on the nail, on the spot, at once, without delay, is first recorded in print in 1596. This predates most of the known nails. This isn't definitive, because they might have replaced others of earlier date. But the reference by John O'Keeffe is the first record of the name, a surprisingly late one if they were known by that name before 1596. The term cash on the nail is derived from an Anglo-Norman phrase, payer sur le ungle, which means immediate payment in full. The word ungle is derived from the Latin word unguis, which means fingernail or toenail. Literally, the term means to pay from one's fingernail. This has eventually been shortened to cash on the nail.

QUOTE BOX

Calamity is the test of integrity — **Samuel Richardson**

RIDDLE THIS

Why is the letter "D" like a sailor?

Answer :Because it follows the C.

SUDOKU

							6	
	4	3	8					2
6			7	3				
	5	8				4		
2	6						3	7
		1				9	2	
				1	9			8
1					3	2	4	
	7							

Answer to previous puzzle

9	4	2	3	5	8	7	6	1
6	8	3	1	9	7	2	5	4
1	5	7	2	4	6	3	9	8
8	9	5	7	1	4	6	3	2
2	7	6	9	8	3	4	1	5
4	3	1	6	2	5	9	8	7
5	6	9	4	7	1	8	2	3
7	2	8	5	3	9	1	4	6
3	1	4	8	6	2	5	7	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

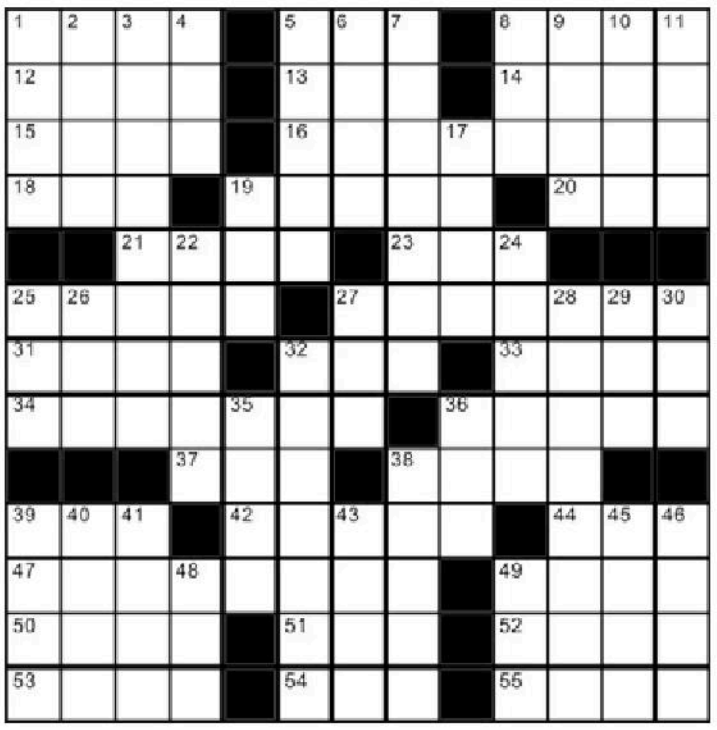
1 Domestic swines
5 Phir __ Dil Hai Hindustani?
8 A plain ___ : a simple and homely girl?
12 Bustles or fuss
13 ___ Deighton : famous author of thrillers and spy novels?
14 Aircraft Collision Avoidance Sys.
15 Mr Nasty Natase of tennis?
16 A fly in the ___ : minor irritation that spoils the enjoyment?
18 Cub pack division
19 Prickly shrub
20 'Bravo!'
21 Sullen, morose
23 Botham or Chappell of cricket
25 Small weasel
27 Stuck fast, as a ship
31 Clump or bunch of grass or hair
32 ___ Biao : Mao Zedong's famous general?
33 Ever present as a prefix
34 A negative balance
36 Thin tree
37 "Ann" in another form, but still a girl?
38 Able was I, ___ __ saw Elba? (3,1)
39 Anti-aircraft artillery, in short?
42 To send back money, or make punishment less severe
44 Natal or Jo'burg locale
47 Got aboard a ship
49 A very small brook; a rivulet
50 Marsh plant
51 Nav. reading
52 Kerala festival
53 Capital of Norway
54 Capek's futuristic play
55 ___ on : incites or encourages

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	R	I	D	■	A	A	J	■	S	O	H	A
N	A	N	O	■	N	N	E	■	O	B	O	L
T	A	N	Z	A	N	I	A	■	U	S	A	F
■	■	■	E	I	A	■	L	I	N	E	R	S
M	A	N	N	A	■	W	O	O	D	S	■	■
E	G	O	S	■	S	H	U	N	■	S	P	A
T	O	N	■	C	H	O	S	E	■	I	A	C
A	G	L	■	O	I	L	Y	■	B	O	L	D
■	■	I	H	O	P	E	■	P	A	N	I	C
S	A	N	E	L	Y	■	G	U	S	■	■	■
L	I	E	N	■	A	I	R	L	I	N	E	S
A	D	A	R	■	R	O	E	■	C	E	R	O
V	E	R	Y	■	D	U	G	■	S	W	A	P

DOWN

1 Borne a cost or penalty, in recompense for some action
2 Out of work
3 Exploding; turning bad (5,3)
4 Compass direction
5 Bear flower, flourish
6 Successor
7 Pub board (3,4)
8 ___ packed : very full?
9 Maple genus ?
10 Mr. Patekar of Bollywood
11 Bible book abbr.
17 ____ one's hair : make a display of anger or despair?
19 Alimentary canal
22 Ancient language
24 Slip knot used by the hangman?
25 Standard, in short?
26 Calendar abbr.
27 An islet, poetically speaking?
28 Officiating a cricket match
29 Compass pt.
30 Continuous loud noise
32 English footballer Gary ___
35 Mystery writer John Dickson ___
36 Painting, sculpture, etc.?
38 Large sea-duck
39 "Air" as prefix
40 Ex-England wicket keeper Leslie ___
41 Cain's brother
43 A bill of fare
45 Vitrified cinders
46 Charity or dole given to beggars
48 Much ___ About Nothing : Great Bard's comedy?
49 Mass of eggs in fish



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

TUAFLTZ HFU WSIP HADU ROESOHP WB GLS OZ

FOZ QLTLQOHP HW RUZTOZU FOGZUIB.

TODAY'S CLUE: F EQUALS H

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Where we have strong emotions, we're liable to fool ourselves.

Now SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Bill Gates	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
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Gentleman	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Malgudi Days	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Dia	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
Matte Udbhava	Saraswathi	2541451	2 Shows
Jilka	Saraswathi	2541451	2 Shows
3rd Class	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Deadly Affair	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
HINDI			
Malang	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
Sarileru Neekevvaru	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Seeru	Rajkamal	2423554	2 Shows
Vaanam Kottattum	Rajkamal	2423554	2 Shows
Naadodigal 2	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows

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Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo (Te)	(S-1)	9.55 pm
Malang- Unleash The Madness (H)	(S-2)	10.30 am, 7.10 pm, 9.55 pm
Gentlemen (K)	(S-2)	1.20 pm
Vaanam Kottattum (Ta)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Jilka (K)	(S-3)	11 am
Seeru (Ta)	(S-3)	1.20 pm
Malgudi Days (K)	(S-3)	4 pm
Jaanu (Te)	(S-3)	7 pm
Dia (K)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Birds of Prey & Fantabulous (E)	(S-4)	10.45 am, 7.20 pm, 9.55 pm
Matte Udbhava (K)	(S-4)	1.05 pm
1917 (E)	(S-4)	4.30 pm

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Birds of Prey & The Fantabulous	(S-1)	9.30 am, 5.10 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-4)	1.25 pm
Malang: Unleash The Madness (H)	(S-2)	10 am, 12.45 pm, 3.40 pm 6.35 pm, 9.30 pm
Shikara (H)	(S-1)	11.50 am
	(S-3)	7.05 pm
Jaanu (Te)	(S-3)	9.45 pm
Vaanam Kottattum (Ta)	(S-4)	9.50 pm
Dia (K)	(S-4)	3.50 pm
Jiilka (K)	(S-3)	10.20 am
	(S-1)	7.30 pm
Billgates (K)	(S-1)	2.20 pm
Gentlemen (K)	(S-4)	6.45 pm
Malgudi Days (K)	(S-3)	3.50 pm
Matte Udbhava (K)	(S-3)	12.40 pm
Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo (Te)	(S-4)	10.10 am

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Shikara (H)	9.25 am, 4.50 pm, 9.40 pm
Malang - Unleash The Madness (H)	10.15 am, 12.55 pm, 3.50 pm 6.45 pm, 9.40 pm
Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo (Te)	12.05 pm
Gentleman (K)	12.20 pm
Malgudi Days (K)	3.25 pm
Dia (K)	6.40 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Suttur Seer fetes *'Padma Shri'* awardees

City-based editors of India's only Sanskrit daily,** 'Sudharma', **K.V. Sampath Kumar and his wife Vidu. K.S. Jayalakshmi, who have been selected for** Padma Shri **award, being felicitated by Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji at the Suttur Mutt premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, recently. Also seen are K.R. Santanam and Dr. C.G. Betsurmath of JSS Mahavidyapeetha.

EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 11)

Indus Nepal Rudraksha Organisation, Hyderabad: Exhibition-cum-sale of various types of Rudraksha, Hotel Crystal Park Inn, Nazarbad Main Road, **up to 9 pm.**

Mysuru Book Clubs-2015: Launch of 'War - The Ugly Mistress,' a novel by Dr. Lata Muthanna, Air Marshal (retd.) K.C. Cariappa releases the book, Sharada Chengappa and Sita Bhaskar will receive the copies, Boverianda Nanjamma and Chinnappa will join the discussion, Sri Kanteerava Narasimharaja Sports Club, Lalitha Mahal Road, **5 pm.**

Sri Chikkalingeshwara Swamy Temple, Mandi Mohalla: Sri Chikkalingeshwara Swamy's 83rd Aradhana Mahotsava, Guru Stotra Parayana led by Vidu. Nagalakshmi Chandrashekar, **5.30 pm to 6.30 pm;** 'Guru Mahime' by Sri V.S. Srinivasan, Sri Arjun Guruji Avadhootaru graces the occasion, Temple premises, **6.30 pm.**

Rotary Mysore Midtown and Shrisainik Family: Conferring of 'Rotary Sinik Desh Rathna Award' on Maj. Smitha Lakshman - Vishisht Seva Medal; Wg. Cdr. Girish Kumar (retd.) - 'Best in Flying' in NDA and Meghna Girish chief guests, Rotary Midtown Mysore President 2019-2020 Rtn. L.M. Manoj Kumar and Hon. Secretary 2019-2020 Rtn. Mohd. Sulaiman Sait and award host Shrisainik family's Rtn. K.V. Bhaskar and Madhura Bhaskar will be present, RCL Hall, opp. MUDA, JLB Road, **6.30 pm.**

Sadhana Mandira, Mysuru: Special series of talks in English on 'Shivaparadha - Kshamapana - Stotram' by Swami Hamsananda, Ramana Jnana Kendra, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**

Sri Trineshwaraswamy Temple, Mysore Palace Premises: Sri Trineshwaraswamy Brahmotsava, Shayanotsava, Temple premises, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 12)

Vidyavardhaka Sangha, Mysuru; Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering, Gokulam 3rd Stage: Inauguration of 1st Annual International Conference on Data Science, Machine Learning and Blockchain Technology (AICDMB) 2020, Dr. Sandeep Kumar Shukla, Fellow IEEE, Professor and Head, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur and Dr. Sam Goundar, Senior Member, IEEE, Professor in Information Systems, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand, chief guests and keynote speakers, Gundappa Gowda, President, Vidyavardhaka Sangha, presides, B. Shivalingappa, Vice-President, Vidyavardhaka Sangha and P. Vishwanath, Secretary, Vidyavardhaka Sangha, guests of honour, B.C. Lingaiah Hall, VVCE, **10 am.**

Sri Chikkalingeshwara Swamy Temple, Mandi Mohalla: Sri Chikkalingeshwara Swamy's 83rd Aradhana Mahotsava, Sri Devi Puja led by Vidu. Nagalakshmi Chandrashekar, **10 am;** Devaranama and Bhajans by Brinda and troupe, **5.30 pm;** 'Godheyageete Tirupavai' by Dr. N.K. Ramasheshan, Temple premises, **6.30 pm.**

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Swayam - E Cell of SDM-IMD: Startup Charcha - Panel Discussion (Theme: Entrepreneurship: Relevance, Dynamics and Challenges), Distinguished Panelists - Vijaysimha, SDM-IMD Alumnus, Foudner and CEO, Suvashna Training and Development Pvt. Ltd., Vijay Krishnamurthy, Sports Management Consultant and Dr. Venkatraja, Faculty Member, SDM-IMD; Moderator - Dr. M.R. Suresh, Faculty Member, SDM-IMD, **2.45 pm;** Insight Talk - Dr. M. Sriram, Faculty Member, SDM-IMD, **3.45 pm;** Keynote address - Vishwa Alva, Founder and Managing Director, Skanray Technologies, SDM-IMD auditorium, **4.45 pm.**

Power consumers' grievances meeting at Nanjangud

Mysuru, Feb. 11- Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) Ltd. will be conducting a Power consumers' grievances meeting tomorrow (Feb.12) at its Nanjangud office.

From 11 am to 1 pm, for power consumers coming under Nanjangud-01 Sub-Division that include Nanjangud town, Tandavapura, K.S. Hundi, Hulimavu, Hadinaru, Hosakote, Tumnerale, Maraluru, Biligere, Suttur, Nagarle, Horalavadi, Kudlapura, Devarasanahalli, Kalale, Sindhuvalli, Kasuvinahalli, Devirammanahalli, Naviluru and Debur.

From 3 pm to 5 pm, for power consumers coming under Nanjangud-02 Sub-Division that include Badanavalu, Devanur, Doddakavalande, Hedatale, Hemmaragala, Konanur, Nerale, Heggadahalli, Shiramalli, Haginavalu, Hullahalli, Rampura, Kurihundi, Nellitalapura, Haradanahalli, Duggalli, Hura, Hallare, Hadya, Devarayashettypura, Hediyala, Dasanur, Kaarya, Mallupura, Tagadur and Tayur.

Power consumers of the said areas can attend the meeting and find solution for their grievances, according to a press release from the Nanjangud CESC Division Executive Engineer.

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